

MAYHEM IN EGYPT

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CAIRO (AP) — Enraged Islamists pushed back Friday against the toppling of President Mohammed Morsi, as tens of thousands of his supporters took to the



A military attack helicopter flies over a street near the presidential palace, in Cairo, Egypt, Friday, July 5, 2013.
(AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)

streets vowing to win his reinstatement and clashed with their opponents in violence that killed 30 and drove the divided nation toward an increasingly dangerous showdown.

In a battle on a bridge over the Nile River in Cairo, gunfire rang out and flames leaped from a burning car as the rival camps threw volleys of stones and fireworks at each other. Military armored vehicles raced across the bridge in a counterattack on Morsi's supporters.

The clashes accelerated after the supreme leader of Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood defiantly proclaimed that his followers would not give up street action until the return of the country's first freely elected president, swept out of power days earlier by the military.

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Snowden to Venezuela?



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro speaks during a military promotion ceremony in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, July 5, 2013. Maduro offered Friday to grant asylum to NSA leaker Edward Snowden.
(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

Nicolas Maduro offers asylum to NSA leaker

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The presidents of Nicaragua and Venezuela offered Friday to grant asylum to NSA leaker Edward Snowden, one day after leftist South American leaders gathered to denounce the rerouting of Bolivian President Evo Morales' plane over Europe amid reports that the American was aboard. Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua and Nicolas Maduro of Venezuela made their

offers during separate speeches in their home countries Friday afternoon. Snowden has asked for asylum in numerous countries, including Nicaragua and Venezuela.

"As head of state, the government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela decided to offer humanitarian asylum to the young American Edward Snowden so that he can live (without) ... persecution from the empire,"

Maduro said, referring to the United States. He made the offer during a speech marking the anniversary of Venezuela's independence.

It was not immediately clear if there were any conditions to Venezuela's offer. In Nicaragua, Ortega said he was willing to make the same offer "if circumstances allow it." Ortega didn't say what the right circumstances would be when he spoke during a

speech in Managua. He said the Nicaraguan embassy in Moscow received Snowden's application for asylum and that it is studying the request.

"We have the sovereign right to help a person who felt remorse after finding out how the United States was using technology to spy on the whole world, and especially its European allies," Ortega said.

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Violent clashes erupt as Islamists push back in Egypt

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Morsi opponents called out the public to defend against the Brotherhood, deepening the battle lines. In scenes of mayhem, troops opened fire on peaceful pro-Morsi protesters. Islamists threw one opponent off a rooftop.

"God make Morsi victorious and bring him back to the palace," Brotherhood chief Mohammed Badie proclaimed before cheering supporters at a Cairo mosque in his first appearance since the overthrow. "We are his soldiers we defend him with our lives."

Badie said it was a matter of honor for the military to abide by its pledge of loyalty to the president, in what appeared to be an attempt to pull it away from its leadership.

"Your leader is Morsi. ... Return to the people of Egypt," he said. "Your bullets are not to be fired on your sons and your own people."

Hours later, Badie's deputy, Khairat el-Shater, considered the most powerful figure in the organization, was arrested in a Cairo apartment along with his brother on allegations of inciting violence, Interior Ministry spokesman Hani Abdel-Latif told The Associated Press.

After the speech, a large crowd of Islamists surged across 6th October Bridge over the Nile toward Tahrir Square, where a giant crowd of Morsi's opponents had been massed all day. Battles broke out there and near the neighboring state TV building. Pro-Morsi youth shielded themselves from flying stones and fireworks with sheets of barricaded metal. A car burned at the

top of an exit ramp amid the sounds of automatic weapons and shotguns.

"They are firing at us, sons of dogs! Where is the army?" one Morsi opponent shouted as another was brought to medics with his jeans soaked in blood from leg wounds. At least three people were killed at the bridge.

The fighting ended when at least seven armored per-

sonnel carriers sped across the bridge, chasing away the Morsi supporters. Young civilians jumped onto the roofs of the APCs, shouting insults at the Islamists and chanting, "The people and army are one hand."

Across the country, clashes erupted as Morsi supporters tried to storm local government buildings or military facilities, battling police or Morsi opponents. At least 30

people were killed throughout the day in Egypt, with 210 wounded, Health Ministry official Khaled el-Khatib told The Associated Press.

Islamists descended on anti-Morsi rally, opening fire with guns in the Mediterranean coastal city of Alexandria, where at least 12 people were killed, mostly Morsi opponents, emergency services official Amr Salama said. □



Supporters and opponents of Egypt's Islamist President Mohammed Morsi clash on the 6 October bridge, near Maspero, where Egypt's state TV and radio station is located, in Cairo, Egypt, Friday, July 5, 2013. Tens of thousands of Islamists streamed across a Nile River bridge toward Cairo's Tahrir Square on Friday, threatening a showdown moments after the top leader of the Muslim Brotherhood defiantly spoke before a cheering crowd of supporters, vowing to reinstate ousted President Mohammed Morsi and end military rule.

(AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)

Nicolas Maduro offers asylum to NSA leaker

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The offers came following a flap about the rerouting of Bolivian President Evo Morales' plane in Europe earlier this week amid reports that Snowden might have been aboard.

Spain on Friday said it had been warned along with other European countries that Snowden, a former U.S. intelligence worker, was aboard the Bolivian presidential plane, an acknowledgement that the manhunt for the fugitive leaker had something to do with the plane's unexpected diversion to Austria. It is unclear whether



Venezuela's Defense Minister Admiral Diego Molero, far left, Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro, second from left, and Chief of Strategic Command Gen. Wilmer Barrientos, center, attend a military promotion ceremony at the 4F military museum in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, July 5, 2013. Maduro offered Friday to grant asylum to NSA leaker Edward Snowden.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

the United States, which has told its European allies that it wants Snowden back, warned Madrid about the Bolivian president's plane. U.S. officials will not detail their conversations with European countries, except to say that they have stated the U.S.'s general position that it wants Snowden back. President Barack Obama has publicly displayed a relaxed attitude toward Snowden's movements, saying last month that he wouldn't be "scrambling jets to get a 29-year-old hacker." But the drama surrounding the flight of Morales, whose plane was

abruptly rerouted to Vienna after apparently being denied permission to fly over France, suggests that pressure is being applied behind the scenes. Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Garcia-Margallo told Spanish National Television that "they told us that the information was clear, that he was inside."

He did not identify who "they" were and declined to say whether he had been in contact with the U.S. But he said that European countries' decisions were based on the tip. France has since sent a letter of apology to the Bolivian government. □

Morningstar: Client credit card data may be leaked out

NEW YORK (AP) — Morningstar Inc. says it discovered an illegal intrusion into its systems that may have compromised some of its clients' personal information, including email addresses, passwords, and credit card numbers.

The investment research provider said the breach took place around April 3. The intrusion affected about 2,300 users whose credit card information was stored in the Morningstar Document Research system, formerly known as 10-K Wizard.

An additional 182,000 clients who had email addresses and user-generated passwords in the system may have been affected, the company said in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Morningstar said it shut down old servers and moved data to a more secure system earlier this year in a move unrelated to the incident.

It maintains it has taken additional steps to prevent unauthorized access to its systems to protect client information.

The company said it is also working with law enforcement officials and credit card companies, as well as investigating the incident on its own.

Morningstar sent notices to clients and reset their passwords. It is offering 12 months of free identity protection to clients whose credit cards may have been compromised.

"At this point, we don't have any evidence to suggest that any of the information that was compromised has been misused," the company said in the filing.

It doesn't believe any other Morningstar products were affected.

Shares of Morningstar Inc. closed Friday unchanged at \$78.07. □

Florida teen's mother says screams are her son's

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SANFORD, Florida (AP) — The prosecution in the murder trial of a neighborhood watch volunteer wrapped up its case after a dramatic day of testimony Friday, with the mother and brother of slain black teen Trayvon Martin telling the jury that screams for help that can be heard in the background on a police call came from the 17-year-old.

Before the defense began its case, defense attorney Mark O'Mara argued that George Zimmerman should be acquitted, saying prosecutors hadn't proved their case.

"What is before the court is an enormous amount of information my client acted in self-defense," O'Mara told Judge Debra Nelson, who continued to listen to arguments late Friday afternoon.

The case sparked protests because police did not charge Zimmerman for 44 days and it touched off a nationwide debate about race and self-defense.

Before the state rested, Martin's mother, Sybrina Fulton, sat expressionless on the witness stand while

prosecutors played the police recording, in which high-pitched wails can be heard as Zimmerman's neighbor urges a dispatcher to send police quickly.



Trayvon Martin's mother, Sybrina Fulton, takes the stand during George Zimmerman's trial in Seminole County circuit court, Friday, July 5, 2013, in Sanford, Fla. Zimmerman has been charged with second-degree murder for the 2012 shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

(AP Photo/Gary W. Green)

Moments later on the call, there is a gunshot and the crying stops.

"Who do you recognize that to be?" prosecutor Bernie de la Rionda asked Fulton. "Trayvon Benjamin Martin," she replied.

Later in the day George

she could be certain, she said: "Because it's my son." Sybrina Fulton was followed on the stand by her son Jahvaris Fulton, Martin's 23-year-old half brother, who also testified the cries came from Martin.

Identifying the voice could

man's father has claimed it's his son yelling.

Zimmerman, the former neighborhood watch volunteer charged with second-degree murder, has said he shot the teen in self-defense during a fight.

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28 injured at California fireworks show mishap

SIMI VALLEY, California (AP)

— More than two dozen people were injured when a wood platform holding live fireworks tipped over, sending the pyrotechnics into a crowd at a Fourth of July show northwest of Los Angeles, authorities said Friday.

Between 8,000 and 10,000 revelers were settling into their seats for the fireworks extravaganza at a Simi Valley park Thursday night when the spectacle of lights that were supposed to be launched in the sky never took off. Instead, a bright plume of red and white bursts spread across the ground, injuring 28 people and sending others fleeing for safety.

Police were still investigat-

ing what caused Thursday night's explosion, but it appeared a firework detonated prematurely in its mortar, knocking over a row of others, police said.



An injured victim of a fireworks mishap is driven away at Ranch Santa Susana Community Park in Simi Valley, Calif., Thursday, July 4, 2013.

(AP Photo/Wendy Pierro)

The mortars toppled like "dominoes" and one or more fired into a crowd of spectators some 800 feet away, police Cmdr. Blair Summey told the Los An-

geles Times.

"For some unknown reasons the structure that holds these ordinances collapsed and caused them to be firing into the crowd," Simi Valley police Cmdr. Stephanie Shannon. Four people were listed in serious condition, but their injuries were not considered life-threatening. Sixteen more were taken to hospitals with minor to moderate injuries. The remainder were treated at the park where emergency crews, already on hand as a safety precaution, set up a triage area.

Meanwhile, a worker at a fireworks show in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was injured Thursday evening when a shell exploded prematurely. □

US mom in Brazil: Custody dispute stranded me

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BOSTON (AP) — Police in Brazil seized passports belonging to a mother and her 6-year-old daughter, stranding them in South America amid an international child custody dispute with the child's father, the woman says.

Shauna Hadden, a 33-year-old social worker from Massachusetts, said the trip was meant for her daughter Ava Machado to reconnect with the father she hadn't seen in more than three years.

The mother, who works for the state Department of Children and Families, said a Massachusetts court gave her full custody of Ava after the couple's divorce in 2009.

But she and her family said her trip took an unexpected turn while she and her daughter were on the way to visit Ava's fa-

ther, 32-year-old Donizete Machado.

After flying to Rio de Janeiro in late May, Hadden got a phone call from a friend in Brazil who knows both mother and father warning her not to make the last flight to meet Machado,

her mother, Linda Hadden, said Friday.

The friend said that Machado had plans to keep Ava and that the two shouldn't make the rest of the trip, for which Machado had already bought the tickets, according to



This 2013 family photo provided by Lindsey DeFilipi shows Ava Machado, left, with her mother Shauna Hadden, of Agawam, Mass. Hadden, a Massachusetts mom says she and her 6-year-old daughter are stranded in Brazil after police seized their passports because of a custody battle with the child's father.

(AP Photo/Family Photo)

Linda Hadden. Instead of taking a flight to southern Brazil to meet Machado, her daughter and granddaughter flew north to stay with friends in the northeastern city of Fortaleza.

But on June 6, federal police came to them with a court order and took both passports, according to Ava's maternal grandmother, who said her daughter gave up the travel documents because she was scared Brazilian authorities were going to take Ava.

A Brazilian judge turned down Machado's request for full custody of Ava but said authorities wouldn't give back the passports until the father had a supervised visit with the child, according to the grandmother.

On Friday, a lawyer for Machado confirmed the passports were confiscated after the father's legal

request and said the case would be dropped as soon as the mother agreed to let Ava meet her father.

It's common in Brazil for officials to confiscate the passports of parents if a judge feels there is a chance that a mother or father may try to take a child out of the country without the other parent's permission.

Besides having no passports, the mother and daughter have been put on a no-fly list by Brazilian authorities, Linda Hadden said.

Alessandro Saraiva, a Brazilian federal court spokesman, said he couldn't provide details because the case involves a minor and falls under secrecy laws. Brazil's federal police declined to comment.

The U.S. Embassy in Brasilia would confirm only that Hadden is in Fortaleza and is receiving consular services. □

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Weiner on a mission to win back hearts, minds and trust



Anthony Weiner, right, a former congressman and New York City mayoral candidate, talks to a passenger on the subway in New York, July 2, 2013. Written off by election experts and shunned by the political establishment, Weiner has once again upended popular conceptions about him, vaulting to the front of the race for mayor.

(Todd Heisler/The New York Times)

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NEW YORK - Angela Curtis, 47, a former prison officer, was angry when she heard that Anthony D. Weiner would be speaking at her daughter's high school graduation in Queens. As a congressman, he had lied to the public and embarrassed his family, she thought. What more did he have to say?

But then Weiner took the microphone. He invoked the "arc of the hero" and, weaving in stories of Nelson Mandela and Franklin D. Roosevelt, acknowledged his own struggle to recover from adversity.

Curtis was moved by his candor. "He deserves a chance," she said after the speech last Saturday.

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Many political insiders are puzzled by Weiner's strength in recent polls, which place him neck-and-neck with the long-time front-runner, Christine C. Quinn, the City Council speaker, in the Democratic primary. Rival campaigns, which long ago predicted he would never get beyond the scandal involving lewd photos he sent women over the Internet, say his gains are fleeting.

But interviews with more than two dozen New York City voters over the past several days reveal a range of reasons for the attraction to Weiner. One is a fascination with the celebrity he has become: An encounter with Weiner on the street is an event other candidates cannot replicate, given his fame and outsize personality. Another factor is his aggressive manner - those who have watched him say he seems ready to fight for their needs.

But other voters say it is Weiner's flaws - and his at-

tempts to make peace with the past - that are making them take notice.

"He sounds honest, in spite of what happened," said Regina McClean, 56, a legal secretary who lives in Queens. "He has a humble spirit to him. We have to forgive and forget."

With a hotly contested Democratic primary two months away, Weiner is racing to turn the electricity around his candidacy into votes. It will not be easy: He is running a highly unusual campaign, with a plump war chest of about \$5 million but a relatively small army of several hundred volunteers (his opponents have thousands).

Weiner said he was surprised by how warmly New Yorkers had embraced his

candidacy, which he announced in May.

"I'm more vulnerable in kind of this weird way," he said during an interview last weekend at a restaurant in Manhattan. "They've seen so deep into my personal life, I hate to say it."

But he said he did not give polls too much weight, and he acknowledged that media attention might partly explain his support.

"A large number of people are prepared to give me a second chance," he said. "I've got to prove myself."

The race for mayor seems still unformed, with seven Democrats vying for the nomination. Nearly two-thirds of Democratic voters surveyed said they were not firmly committed to a candidate. □



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‘Evil spirit’ scam plagues Asian immigrants in NYC

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NEW YORK (AP) — One woman was told by a fortune teller that her son was possessed by demons. Another was approached on a Chinatown street by a stranger who eerily claimed her daughter would die in two days. A third was informed that her dead husband was communicating from the grave, telling her to hand over thousands in cash.

“Your son will die in a car accident — he is cursed,” a 65-year-old was told.

In each instance, the women bundled up cash and jewelry in a bag and gave it to strangers they’d just met — self-proclaimed spiritual healers.

They were told the contents would be blessed in an effort to ward off evil spirits, bring good luck to the family or heal a sick child — they just have to wait a period of time to re-open it.

When they do, they find



This undated image provided by the New York City Police Department shows a poster that has been displayed in Chinatown in Manhattan and in Asian neighborhoods in Brooklyn and Queens warning of blessing scams. Detectives say there has been a rash this year in New York of what’s known as an evil spirit or blessing scam, where older immigrant women, mostly Chinese, are swindled out of their valuables by clever scammers who prey on their superstition and fear.

(AP Photo/NYPD)

water bottles, cough drops and beans. But no valuables.

Detectives say there has been a rash in New York of what’s known as an evil spirit or blessing scam, where older immigrant women, mostly Chinese, are swindled out of their valuables by clever scammers arriving from China who prey on superstition and fear. In the past six months, two dozen victims have reported valuables stolen — in some cases more than \$10,000 in cash and \$13,000 in jewelry, according to police reports. A total of more than \$1.8 million has been stolen.

“They know the culture, they know how to talk to these victims to get them to listen,” chief New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne said of the grifts. “One person’s spirituality is another’s superstition, and they prey on that distinction.”

The scam itself has many permutations, but the basic principle is the same: A woman, usually in her 50s or older, is approached by a stranger, usually a younger woman, who asks the woman if she knows where to find a particular healer or fortune teller. Another seeming stranger joins the conversation, says she knows where the healer is located, and convinces the older woman to come along. The healer convinces the victim that in order to ward off some evil, she must hand over valuables in a bag to be blessed. And then they switch the bag.

Similar scams occur in other places in the U.S. with large Asian communities, such as Boston, Seattle, Chicago and in Hawaii. In San Francisco late last

year, thieves stole about \$2 million in nearly 60 cases. Police there called the scams an organized crime ring.

The district attorney’s office, police and politicians waged a public safety awareness campaign, including community meetings and a video depicting a reenactment of a scam and tips on how to spot one.

The grift may be prevalent right now in Asian neighborhoods, but it’s also rampant in Haitian and Latino communities where there is also distrust of Western culture and banks, and plenty of cash and valuables kept at home, said Dr. Alan Hilfer, director of psychology at Maimonides Medical Center in New York.

“It has to do with the idea of not necessarily adopting Western belief systems about magic and incantation systems, but staying with some of their traditional spiritual beliefs,” he said.

“And, in many cases they’re so lost and desperate in a foreign culture they will turn to anyone who offers them something in a language they can understand.”

A similar public awareness campaign has been underway in New York. Detectives in Chinatowns in Brooklyn and Manhattan have canvassed the streets warning of the scams and put up posters in Mandarin and English warning women.

“The power of belief is serious,” Hilfer said. “And faced with an idea of a very expensive, absolutely incomprehensible, say, MRI machine versus someone putting grains or coins into a bag with incantations, it’s just less frightening and unfamiliar to them.” □



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US Financial Front:

US economy adds 195K jobs; unemployment 7.6 pct.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers are sending a message of confidence in the economy — hiring more workers, raising pay and making the job market appear strong enough for the Federal Reserve to slow its bond purchases as early as September.

The economy gained a robust 195,000 jobs in June and many more in April and May than previously thought. The unemployment rate remained 7.6 percent in June because more people started looking for jobs — a healthy sign — and some didn't find them. The government doesn't count people as unemployed unless they're looking for work. The Labor Department's report Friday pointed to a U.S. job market that's showing surprising resilience in the face of tax increases, federal spending cuts and economic weakness overseas. Employers have added an average 202,000 jobs for the past six months, up from 180,000 in the previous six.

The job growth is being fueled in part by consumer spending and the housing recovery. Consumer confidence has reached a 5½ year high and is helping drive up sales of homes and cars. Hiring was especially strong in June among

retailers, hotels, restaurants, construction companies and financial services firms. "The numbers that we're seeing are more sustainable than we thought," said Paul Edelstein, U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight, a forecasting firm. "We're seeing better job numbers, the stock market is increasing and home prices are rising."

Average pay also rose sharply last month. It's exceeded inflation this year after barely keeping pace since the Great Recession ended four years ago. Average hourly pay rose 10 cents in June to \$24.01. Over the past 12 months, it's risen 2.2 percent. Over the same period, consumer prices have increased 1.4 percent. Stocks surged Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 147 points, nearly 1 percent. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note soared to 2.73 percent, its highest point since August 2011, from 2.51 percent late Wednesday. That's a sign that investors think the economy is improving and that the Fed will slow its bond buying this year. If it did, long-term rates would likely rise. Friday's report showed that the U.S. economy added 70,000 more jobs in April and May than the government had previously estimated — 50,000 in

April and 20,000 in May.

The Fed has been buying \$85 billion in Treasury and mortgage bonds each month since late last year. The purchases pushed long-term interest rates to historic lows, fueled a stock rally and encouraged consumers and businesses to borrow and spend. The low rates have helped support an economy that's had to absorb government spending cuts and a Social Security tax increase that's shrunk paychecks this year. John Silvia, chief economist at Wells Fargo, said he thinks the Fed will announce at its September policy meeting that it will start reducing its bond purchases, perhaps to \$75 bil-



Americans fill out job applications at a job fair. The economy gained a robust 195,000 jobs in June and many more in April and May than previously thought.

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Chairman Ben Bernanke has said the Fed's bond

buying could end around the time unemployment reaches 7 percent. □



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Pope Francis clears John Paul II for sainthood

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VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis on Friday cleared two of the 20th century's most influential popes to become saints, approving a miracle needed to canonize Pope John Paul II and waiving Vatican rules to honor Pope John XXIII. It was a remarkable show of papal authority and confirmed Francis' willingness to bend church tradition when it comes to things he cares deeply about. Both popes are also closely identified with the Second Vatican Council, the 1962-65 meetings that brought the Catholic Church into modern times, an indication that Francis clearly wants to make a statement

about the council's role in shaping the church today. Francis approved a decree that a Costa Rican woman's inexplicable cure from a deadly brain aneurism was the "miracle" needed to canonize John Paul. More significantly, he decided that John XXIII, who convened Vatican II, could be declared a saint even without a second miracle attributed to his intercession. The Vatican said Francis had the power to dispense with such requirements and could proceed with only one confirmed miracle to John's name. The ceremony is expected before the end of the year. The date of Dec. 8 has been floated as likely, given it's the feast of the



Backdropped by a portrait of the late Pope John Paul II, Costa Rica's Floribeth Mora is embraced by her husband Edwin Arce as she gives her account of a miracle attributed to John Paul, during a press conference at the Archbishop's office in San Jose, Costa Rica, Friday, July 5, 2013.
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Immaculate Conception, a major feast day for the church that honors Mary, to whom both saintly popes were particularly devoted. Polish prelates continue to press for October, to mark the 35th anniversary of the Polish-born John Paul's election, but Vatican officials have suggested that's too soon to organize such a massive event. The announcement came on a remarkable day melding papacies past and present: It opened with Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI attending their first Vatican ceremony together, sitting side-by-side on matching papal chairs for the unveiling of a statue in the Vatican gardens. It continued with the publication of Francis' first encyclical, a meditation on faith that was largely written by Benedict before he retired but was signed by Francis. And it climaxed

with Francis' decision to canonize two other predecessors. Each event, historic on its own, would have captured headlines. But the canonization announcement capped them all, reflecting the priorities of this unique pontificate that has already broken so many rules and traditions, from Francis' decision to shun papal vestments to his housing arrangements, living in the Vatican hotel rather than the stuffy Apostolic Palace. The Rev. Thomas Reese, a Vatican analyst, said the decision to canonize both popes was a "brilliant move to unify the church," given that each pope has his own admirers and critics. "With the joint announcement, Pope Francis is saying we do not have to choose between popes, we can honor and revere both as holy men who served the

church well in their times," he wrote on his blog for the National Catholic Reporter newspaper. Vatican II, which John XXIII opened a year before his 1963 death, opened the church to people of other faiths and allowed for Mass to be celebrated in the languages of the faithful, rather than Latin. In the years since it closed in 1965, though, it has become a source of division in the church, with critics blaming a faulty interpretation of Vatican II's true meaning on the fall in priestly vocations and the "crisis" in the church today. To anyone who has been paying attention, Francis' decision to canonize John Paul and John XXIII should come as no surprise: The Jesuit was made a cardinal by John Paul, who attended Vatican II, and is very much a priest of John's legacy.

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Suicide bombings targeting Shiites kill 19 in Iraq

QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA

Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide attacker and a car bombing killed at least 19 people and wounded 38 in separate attacks Friday targeting Shiites north of Baghdad.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attacks, the latest in an increasing wave of violence across the country. Iraq has been facing its deadliest outburst of violence since 2008, with more than 2,000 people killed since the start of April. The bloodshed appears to be largely the work of resurgent Sunni militants such as al-Qaida's Iraq branch, feeding off Sunni discontent with the Shiite-led gov-

ernment.

The deadliest attack on Friday took place in Baghdad's Kiraiyat neighborhood as worshippers gathered after the evening call to prayers at the Hussien-ieh Ali Basha mosque. A suicide bomber walked in during the service and detonated his explosives, killing 15 worshippers and wounding 32, a police officer and a medical official said.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Earlier Friday, an explosives-laden vehicle detonated near a Shiite protest camp in the city of Samarra, a police officer said, speaking on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to

release information to the media.

The head of the Salahud-din provincial health directorate, Raed Ibrahim, later confirmed the casualty figures in the attack in Samarra, 95 kilometers (60 miles) north of Baghdad.

Since December, Iraq's Sunni minority has been staging demonstrations over what it calls second-class treatment by the Shiite-led government. In some place clashes have erupted between security forces and protesters.

Violence increased sharply in April and May, with frequent bombings in civilian areas raising concerns that a widespread sectarian conflict could once again break out in Iraq. The



A man inspects the aftermath of a car bomb attack in the neighborhood of Shaab in Baghdad, Iraq. Dozens of people have been killed and wounded as Insurgents have unleashed a new wave of attacks in Iraq this week as part of a series of attacks in a recent uptick in violence across the country that raised concerns over a return to sectarian bloodshed.

(AP Photo/ Karim kadim)

Israel's envoy to the US stepping down

JOSH LEDERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Oren, Israel's ambassador to the U.S., is stepping down after more than four years on the job, Israel's Embassy in Washington announced Friday.

Oren, 58, said he'll finish his term this fall.

He said he'd continuing serving the people of Israel but didn't specify in what capacity.

"Israel and the United States have always enjoyed a special relationship and, throughout these years of challenge, I was privileged to take part in forging even firmer bonds," Oren said in a statement.

An American-born academic who taught at several universities, Oren moved to Israel in 1979 and enlisted in the paratroopers brigade. Before being tapped in 2009 by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and then-Foreign

Minister Avigdor Lieberman to be Israel's envoy to the U.S., Oren had volunteered as a military liaison officer, briefing reporters during Israel's offensive that year against Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip.

A frequent face on Sunday morning news shows and at Washington-area synagogues, Oren may have had a diminished role as a direct messenger between the two countries due to the perception that he was outside of Netanyahu's inner circle, said Aaron David Miller, the Woodrow Wilson Center scholar who was a Mideast negotiator under six U.S. secretaries of state.

"Oren was last in a series of Israel-U.S. ambassadors that neither the president nor the secretary of state nor the prime minister really utilized," Miller said. "They all had their own channels."

Secretary of State John Kerry, who has spent much

of his first months in office attempting to revive Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, called Oren "unfailing candid" and a passionate advocate for Israel. □

bloodshed accelerated after a deadly April 23 crackdown by security forces on a Sunni anti-government protest in the northern town of Hawija in which 23 people were killed. Hoping to stem the violence with a sign of soli-

darity, both Sunni and Shiite worshippers gathered Friday at Abdul-Qadir al-Gailani Mosque in downtown Baghdad to kneel and pray side by side. As they prayed, the mosque remained under tight security. □

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BEIRUT - Syrian forces bombarded the city of Homs for a sixth day in a row Friday, while government soldiers backed by Hezbollah fighters clashed with rebels on the outskirts of the city's besieged Khalidiya neighborhood amid warnings from international health officials that fighting was increasingly preventing humanitarian aid from reaching those most in need. Government forces have

trained their sights on Homs and the northern city of Aleppo in recent weeks since they recaptured the strategic border town of Qusair last month. Anti-government activists have said the government was aided in the battles by fighters from Hezbollah, the Lebanese Shiite militant group. The group has not confirmed that, saying only that it would go where it was needed to fight off the insurgency against Syria's president, Bashar Assad, which Hezbollah leaders

say threatens Lebanon and the region. On Friday, clashes intensified near Khalidiya, which the army has been trying to storm for weeks, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based watchdog group with a network of activists in Syria. While the Syrian army holds large sections of Homs, rebels continue to hold out in a few central neighborhoods. The sustained violence has left the civilian population in dire need of



Relatives of a Syrian rebel, Wissam Mohammed, who was killed during clashes with the regime gunmen, mourn over his dead body before his funeral in his family house, in Idlib province, northern Syria.

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humanitarian assistance, prompting the Syrian National Coalition, the main exile opposition body, to release a statement Friday asking the United Nations to provide immediate aid. "The areas under attack in Homs have been cut off from the rest of the world and suffer an urgent shortage of medicine and staple foods," the dispatch read. Restrictions put in place by the Syrian authorities in recent weeks have increasingly blocked delivery of medicine and medical supplies, even to areas under government control and even as health needs are escalating for people trapped in two years of conflict, the World Health Organization warned Friday. "The main problems are to get medicines and medical supplies out from Damascus," the Syrian

capital, Elizabeth Hoff, the agency's representative in Damascus, said in a telephone interview. Hoff, citing an acute lack of dialysis treatments for more than 5,000 patients and reports of doctors being forced to deliver babies by Caesarean section without proper anesthetics, said: "The situation is getting much worse. We are receiving requests from hard-affected governorates on a daily basis saying the hospitals are empty of medicines and medical supplies." The health agency's warning was one of several alarms sounded by U.N. organizations Friday. The human rights office expressed concerns for the fate of several thousand civilians caught in parts of Homs, and it urged all parties to allow civilians to leave the area without fear of persecution or violence. □

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Prosecutor seeks jail for Russia opposition leader



Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, , speaks in a court in Kirov, Russia on Friday, July 5, 2013. A prosecutor on Friday asked the Russian court to convict Navalny of embezzlement and sentence him to six years in prison. Navalny, who led protests against President Vladimir Putin and exposed alleged government corruption, is accused of heading a criminal group that embezzled 16 million rubles (US\$500,000) worth of timber from a state-owned company while working as an adviser to the provincial governor in Kirov in 2009.

(AP Photo/Evgeny Feldman)

NATALIYA VASILYEVA

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — In an emotional closing argument to a court Friday, Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny vowed to keep on opposing President Vladimir Putin's rule, even if prosecutors succeed in convicting and imprisoning him on embezzlement charges that he dismisses as politically motivated. Navalny, a lawyer and anti-corruption crusader, was a major driving force behind massive protests ahead of Putin's return to presidency in 2012. He has been charged with heading a group that embezzled 16 million rubles (\$500,000) worth of timber from a state-owned company while he worked as an adviser to the provincial governor in Kirov in 2009. The 37-year-old, who also faces other investigations, has declared he wants to run for mayor of Moscow

and even the presidency. He insists the allegations have been drummed up by Russian authorities who are exacting revenge for his political activism and his exposure of high-level corruption. Prosecutor Sergei Bogdanov on Friday asked the court to sentence Navalny to six years in prison and fine him 1 million rubles (\$30,000), calling his crime "common" and "banal." But Navalny said no matter what the court decision, it would not halt his crusade against government corruption and lawlessness. "My colleagues and I will do our best to destroy a feudal state that's being built in Russia, destroy the system of government where 83 percent of national wealth is owned by half a percent of the population," he said in a live webcast from the courtroom in Kirov. "If somebody thinks that upon hearing this threat

of six years, I will run away abroad or go into hiding, they could not be more wrong," Navalny said. "I don't have any other choice and I don't want to do anything else. I want to help people of my country, work for my compatriots." Also on trial is Pyotr Ofitserov, a businessman who ran a timber trading company in Kirov during Navalny's time in the northwestern Russian region. Prosecutors asked the court to sen-

tence Ofitserov to five years in prison and a million ruble fine.

Navalny, however, described Ofitserov as a "hostage" in this case and apologized to him, his wife and five children, saying they fell victim to a "political trial."

Navalny's lawyers argued that prosecutors had failed to provide any evidence that he was involved in embezzlement, or that this embezzlement ever hap-

pened. Navalny said the absurdity of the case was supported by Kirov officials' decision not to sue him and Ofitserov for damages in an arbitration court.

Vyacheslav Opalev, a key prosecution witness whose testimony triggered the charges, got a suspended sentence in an expedited trial in December after pleading guilty to conspiring with Navalny to steal timber from state-owned company Kirovles. □

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Pakistan, China explore Arabian Sea link

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China and Pakistan set their sights Friday on developing a transport link through rugged mountains and lawless lands, a route they hope will boost economic growth and bring critical oil supplies to power-hungry China much faster.

A broad agreement for the

expanding two-way trade that exceeded \$12 billion for the first time last year. For its part, China wants Pakistan to crack down on insurgents from China's Muslim Uighur minority who have taken refuge in Pakistan's northwest alongside al-Qaida-linked extremists. Pakistan says it has killed or extradited several of those militants over the past few

with its most important ally in the region. The two cooperate closely in diplomatic and defense affairs, and share a common rival in their mutual neighbor and occasional military opponent India. "Let me tell you very candidly and very sincerely that what I am witnessing here on my visit to Beijing, it reminds me of the saying



Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, center left, and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, center right, observe a signing ceremony between officials from both countries at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing Friday, July 5, 2013. China and Pakistan set their sights Friday on developing a transport link through rugged mountains and lawless lands, a route they hope will boost economic growth and bring critical oil supplies to power-hungry China much faster.

"economic corridor" was among eight pacts signed following a meeting in Beijing between Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. The 2,000-kilometer (1,200-mile) transport link was described as a "long-term plan" to connect Kashgar in northwestern China to the Pakistani port of Gwadar, likely by road in the beginning and possibly by rail later. Pakistan is hoping to attract greater Chinese investment to revive its moribund economy beset by inefficiency, corruption, political instability and chronic electricity shortages, while

years, but acknowledges that some remain at large in the area. Another agreement is for a fiber-optic cable to be laid from the Chinese border to the Pakistani city of Rawalpindi which will boost Pakistan's access to international communications networks. China is to provide 85 percent of the financing for the three-year project's \$44 million budget, with Pakistan covering the rest. Sharif's visit to China is his first foreign trip since returning to power last month, highlighting the importance Pakistan places on its 63-year-old relationship

our friendship is higher than the Himalayas and deeper than the deepest sea in the world, and sweeter than honey," Sharif told Li at the start of their meeting, employing the usual effusive language with which the two nations describe their relationship. A joint statement issued after the meeting affirmed their support for an Afghan-led peace effort in the country following the withdrawal of U.S. troops next year. It said they would "work with the regional countries and the international community to help Afghanistan achieve peace, stability and security." □

EU agrees on trade and privacy talks with US to begin Monday

LIUDAS DAPKUS
Associated Press

VILNIUS, Lithuania (AP) — European Union officials on Friday said they will discuss "data protection and privacy rights" in parallel with trade talks with the United States next week. But the head of the 28-nation bloc's executive Commission, Jose Manuel Barroso, said broader concerns about U.S. intelligence activities would have to be raised by member states individually because they fall under the category of national security. Reports last weekend that the U.S. National Security Agency bugged EU diplomatic offices in Washington and infiltrated its computer network angered European officials. Many European leaders called for the NSA's surveillance activities to be discussed in parallel with trade talks opening next week in Washington. Lithuania, which holds the rotating EU presidency, said the process would start with a meeting on Monday.

"It will deal with data protection and privacy rights of EU citizens falling within the competence of the EU, addressing the scope and composition of future meetings," the presidency said in a statement. Barroso said that process was "very important to build and to enforce the confidence that is necessary also to pursue very ambitious agreements that we hope to conclude with the United States namely, in the field of trade and investment." However, he added that "intelligence matters, those that are a matter of national security, not (falling under the purview) of the European

Union, will be discussed by the member states with the United States."

The EU chief was speaking in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, which has taken over the six-month rotating presidency of the 28-member bloc as trans-Atlantic relations have been overshadowed by claims of U.S. eavesdropping.

EU home commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom suggested that two flagship information-sharing accords with the U.S. could be suspended due to the issue.

In a letter to U.S. Homeland Security chief Janet Napolitano and Treasury Under Secretary David S. Cohen, seen by The Associated Press on Friday, Malmstrom said that "mutual trust and confidence have been seriously eroded." The bad blood could take a toll on the Passenger Name Record program, in which Europe provides the U.S. with airline passenger information, and the Terrorist Financing Tracking Program. Both accords followed the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in the U.S. Malmstrom's letter, dated July 4, said, "Should we fail to demonstrate the benefits of the ... instruments for our citizens and the fact that they have been implemented in full compliance with the law, their credibility will be seriously affected and, in such a case, I will be obliged to reconsider if the conditions for their implementation are still met." She is sending a team to Washington next week for previously scheduled meetings including a first review of the passenger accord and to finalize a joint evaluation of the tracking program to uncover terrorist financing. □



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Angela Hagedoorn, Event Service Manager together with Milayne Alberts, Wedding Coordinator and Randolph Geerman, Wedding Planner gave the publicists a tour

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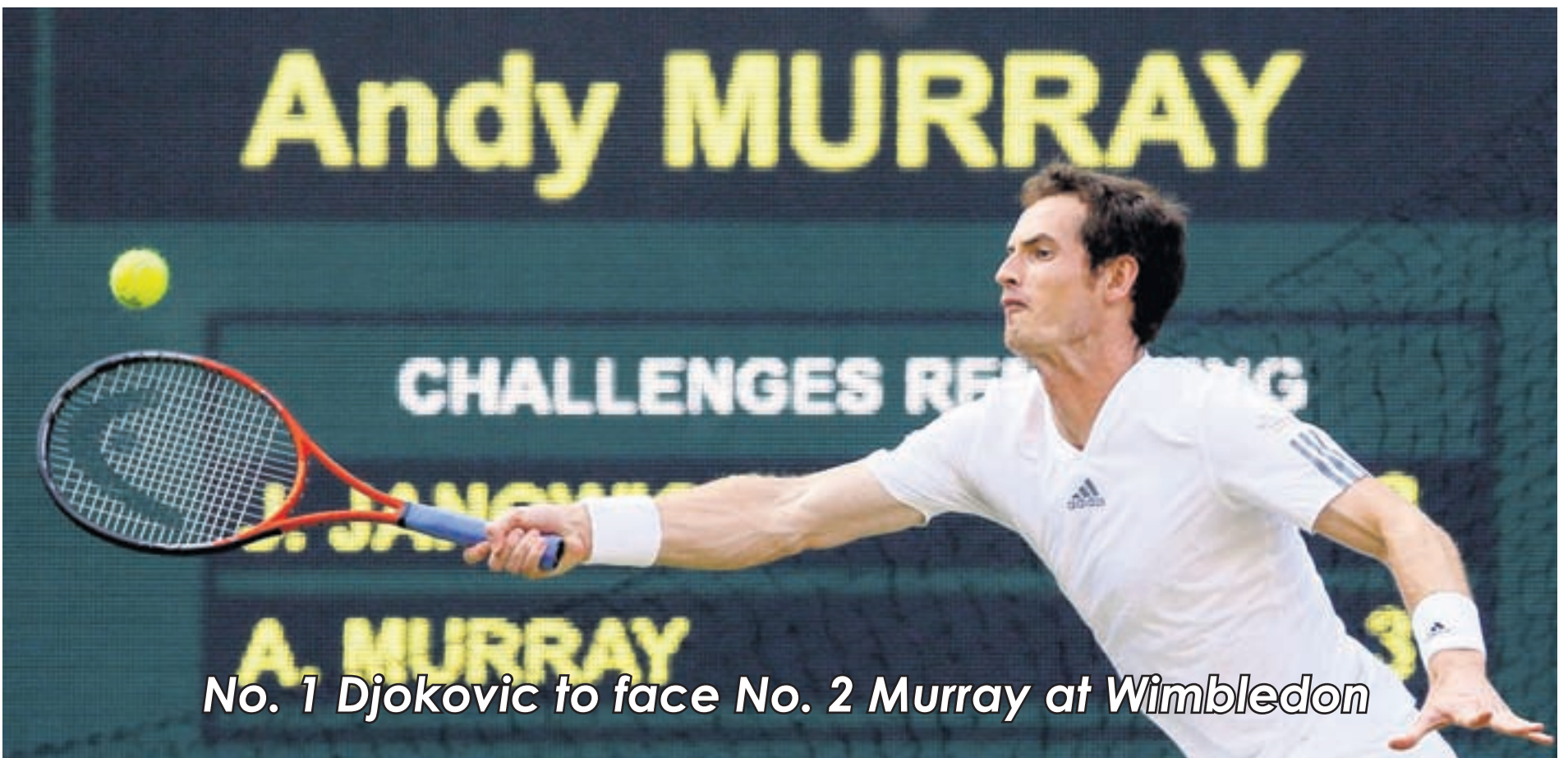
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In this combination photo, Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns to Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina during the Men's singles semifinal match (above); Andy Murray of Britain tries to play a return to Jerzy Janowicz of Poland during their Men's singles semifinal match (below); each winning and advancing to the finals of the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Friday, July 5, 2013.

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Every takes lead, Lefty misses cut at Greenbrier

JOHN RABY

The Associated Press

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP) --

The first page of the Greenbrier Classic leaderboard is filled with golfers who'll get to do something they're unaccustomed to lately: Playing on the weekend.

Matt Every shot an 8-under 62 on Friday for a one-stroke lead over five other players midway through the Greenbrier Classic.

Every needed just 26 putts during his best round of the year and is at 9 under for the tournament on the Old White TPC course. He missed four putts inside 12 feet that could have made his bogey-free second round even more special.

"I played really well tee to green, finally made

some putts," Every said. "I haven't made anything all year and it just finally happened today. Been waiting for it."

Every has been in this position before, leading after the first round of the 2012 Texas Open and tying for the third-round lead at the 2012 Sony Open, yet the 29-year-old is still looking for his first PGA Tour victory.

"I know I can win out here," he said.

One stroke behind him at 8 under are Russell Henley (65), Bill Lunde (66), Daniel Summerhays (67), Steven Bowditch (67) and first-round co-leader Johnson Wagner (70).

Four others are two shots behind at 7 under. Ben Curtis and Greg Owen each shot 66, Jonas Blixt had a 67

and first-round co-leader Tommy Gainey a 71.

The posh Greenbrier resort is in a small town named for its hot spring waters that the locals have touted for centuries for their healing qualities. It seems as though the Greenbrier Classic is doing wonders for some golfers, too.

Prior to this week, Wagner went seven straight tournaments without advancing to the third round. Other streaks that were broken this week were five straight for Lunde, four for Bowditch and three for Summerhays. Every had missed cuts in four of his last five tournaments, and Owen and Curtis had in three in their last four. Gainey made the cut for only the 10th time in 23 tries.



John Daly chips up to the 17th green at the Greenbrier Classic golf tournament in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. Matt Every shot an 8-under 62 on Friday for a one-stroke lead over five other players midway through the Greenbrier Classic.

(AP Photo/Steve Helber)

"It's coming down to the end of the year," Every said. "It's a big week for a lot of people. If you play good it can change your life."

Henley is an exception with one missed cut in his last four tournaments, which includes a sixth-place finish at the Memorial.

He's 16th in the FedEx Cup points standings. Every (104th) and Summerhays (123) are the only other players within two shots of the lead who are in the top 125 in the FedEx Cup standings.

The playoffs are less than two months away.

"It's crunch time," Wagner said. "We've got to make these playoffs. It's a short year. Fortunately I'm exempt for next year due to my win at the (2012) Sony Open,

but I still want to finish in that top 125 and have a chance to win the FedEx Cup. I'm sure a bunch of guys up there are kind of in the same position I am - really needing to have some

good weeks to extend our years."

The tournament could be shaping up for another close finish. It has been decided by playoffs the last two years, and Stuart Appleby won by a stroke in the inaugural tournament in 2010 after shooting a 59. Among a group of six golfers at 6 under includes Jordan Spieth, the 19-year-old Texan in search of an elusive win that would give him his PGA Tour membership and make him eligible for the FedEx Cup playoffs. He's won more than \$1.1 million this year and is assured of a tour card when the new season starts in October.

Others advancing to the weekend include Kenny Perry at 5 under and Tom Watson at 3 under.

Because 81 players made the cut Friday at 1 under, there will be a 54-hole cut to get to the top 70 scores, plus ties.

Phil Mickelson is already assured of getting the weekend off. □

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Vettel ahead of Rosberg in 2nd German GP practice

NESHA STARCEVIC

AP Sports Writer

NUERBURGRING, Germany (AP) — Sebastian Vettel edged German rival Nico Rosberg in practice for

Ecclestone also played down the threat of a boycott over tire safety concerns and said the race would go on as scheduled on Sunday.

morning session.

Vettel, a vice president of the drivers' association that warned F1 of a pull out if tire problems experienced at the British GP last

and want to thank them for their flexibility and reaction times — they were able to find a solution in only a couple of days," Vettel said.

"The circumstances that we raced under in Silverstone were not what we can accept, but I don't think we will see those issues again." Vettel's fastest lap was 1 minute, 30.416 seconds. Mark Webber in the second Red Bull was third and Romain Grosjean fourth, ahead of Lotus teammate Kimi Raikkonen. Next was Ferrari's Fernando Alonso, who failed to complete a full lap in the morning because of electrical problems.

"Pirelli have done what they can and gone back to tires they know work here," Webber said. "It's impossible to tell how they will affect the performance of the car, but it feels comfortable so far."

Lewis Hamilton, who topped the morning ses-

sion ahead of Rosberg, dropped to eighth in the afternoon.

Ecclestone, who came to Germany despite facing possible bribery charges in a Munich case, said the drivers were right in stating that it was their neck on the line. But he told the German newspaper Die Welt the drivers understood that Pirelli would do everything to resolve the tire issue, which turned serious when five cars endured blowouts at the British GP.

"There is a big difference between thinking about something and carrying it out. If the drivers boycott the race, they risk losing their super licenses," Ecclestone said. "Such a boycott would serve no one and won't solve the problem faster."

There were no punctures in the practices, although some drivers complained about the quick degradation of soft tires. □



Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany steers his car during the first free practice at the Nuerburgring racetrack, in Nuerburg, Germany, Friday, July 5, 2013. The Formula one race will be held on Sunday.

(AP Photo/Luca Bruno)

the German Grand Prix and the drivers eased their threat of a pullout as new tires went through Friday without a blowout.

Formula One boss Bernie

Three-time champion Vettel is seeking his first win on home soil and beat Rosberg by .235 seconds in the second practice, after finishing eighth in the slower

week persisted, sought to clarify the drivers' position. "The general agreement was that we're happy Pirelli bought a new specification of tire for this event

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No. 1 Djokovic to face No. 2 Murray at Wimbledon

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — For 368 points, for five sets, for a record 4 hours, 43 minutes — most quite marvelous, all with a berth in the Wimbledon final at stake — Novak Djokovic and Juan Martin del Potro put on a memorable show. Their baseline exchanges were lengthy and intense,

Folks around here felt just as euphoric about Friday's second semifinal, even if it was far less competitive or compelling. Britain has waited 77 years for one of its own to claim the men's trophy at Wimbledon, and for the second consecutive year, Andy Murray is one victory away. He came back from a set down, then a break down in the

ception was last month's French Open, which Murray skipped because of a bad back. Last September, Murray defeated Djokovic in five sets at the U.S. Open to earn the first major title anywhere for a British man since Fred Perry at that tournament in 1936 — months after Perry's historic win at Wimbledon. In Janu-

ic and del Potro produced a contest worthy of two major champions — the longest semifinal, by time, in Wimbledon history. Theirs also was the first Wimbledon semifinal in the 45-year Open era between two men who hadn't dropped a set in the tournament. Del Potro won the last time they played, in March, and also the only other time

ground, too, his tall frame carrying him to balls most men couldn't reach, even though his left knee was heavily wrapped in white tape because he hyperextended it during a tumble in the third round.

And then, in a four-point blink with del Potro serving while down 5-4, the opening set changed. Djokovic's relentless defense kept forcing del Potro to hit an extra shot, and from 30-love, Djokovic hit a backhand winner and used a drop shot that drew a netted reply, then watched as del Potro missed a backhand long and a forehand wide.

"I hit many winners in one point," del Potro lamented later, "and always, the ball comes back."

But he did not despair. He kept coming, earning a break and taking the second set, providing plenty of entertainment along the way.

When his momentum from chasing a backhand carried him all the way to the stands, del Potro stood on the green wall and high-fived a spectator. After diving for a volley, he stayed down on his back, arms and legs spread far apart, then waved his hands over his chest, as if to say, "No mas!"

Midway through the fourth set, Djokovic hit a drop volley that del Potro reached for a down-the-line forehand. The ball landed near a line and was called out. Del Potro walked around the net and approached Djokovic, then the two pals smiled while chatting.

"It was (up) him to decide if he wanted to challenge or not," recounted Djokovic, the 2011 Wimbledon champion. "I said, 'Listen, if I was you, I would challenge.'"

The back-and-forth ended with del Potro playfully yanking the zipper on Djokovic's shirt.

"He's a good guy, a good friend of mine," del Potro said. "We have a fantastic relationship. But when we are playing, we want to win, for sure."

Of course. □



Andy Murray of Britain, foreground, serves to Jerzy Janowicz of Poland during their Men's singles semifinal match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Friday, July 5, 2013. Murry will face off with Novak Djokovic of Serbia in the finals of the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon.

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

accompanied by loud grunts of exertion and exhaustion, punctuated by the thud of racket string against tennis ball.

In the end, as he almost always does lately, Djokovic displayed the stamina and fortitude to win a long-as-can-be match, edging del Potro 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-7 (6), 6-3 Friday to close in on a second Wimbledon championship and seventh Grand Slam title overall.

"Unbelievable to watch," said del Potro.

"Draining," said Djokovic, who has won 10 of his last 12 five-setters. "One of the most exciting matches I've ever played in my life."

third, and got past 24th-seeded Jerzy Janowicz of Poland 6-7 (2), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 in a match that concluded with Centre Court's retractable roof shut.

"I was very relieved after the semis last year, whereas this year ... I was a bit happier," said Murray, who lost to seven-time champion Roger Federer in the 2012 final. "I'll be probably in a better place mentally. I would hope so, just because I've been there before."

On Sunday, the top-ranked Djokovic faces No. 2 Murray, the third time in the past four Grand Slam tournaments they will meet in the final. The ex-

ary, Djokovic beat Murray at the Australian Open. Now they'll settle things at the All England Club.

Born a week apart in May 1987, and with similar styles that rely on terrific returning and successful defense at the baseline, they are creating a growing rivalry, one that could someday belong alongside Djokovic vs. Rafael Nadal, and Nadal vs. Federer. Federer, Nadal and Djokovic divvied up 31 of the last 33 Grand Slam titles. The exceptions were at Flushing Meadows, for Murray in 2012, and del Potro in 2009.

On Friday, with warm temperatures and the court bathed in sunlight, Djokov-

they faced each other at the All England Club, for the bronze medal at last year's London Olympics. But neither of those was at a Grand Slam, and Djokovic plays his best when the stage is the biggest.

A harbinger of things to come, the first set was as tight as could be for 11½ games and 52 minutes, packed with thunderous strokes by both men — the crowd gasped loudly at some of the hardest — and Djokovic's trademark scrambling, sliding defense. His legs stretched so far, he often did the splits; sometimes, he slipped and fell.

Del Potro covered plenty of



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Yankees' Jeter to start playing again for AAA

DAVID WALDSTEIN

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MINNEAPOLIS - The New York Yankees announced Friday that Derek Jeter, who is recovering from a twice-broken left ankle, will begin his minor league rehabilitation assignment Saturday for Class AAA Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Jeter, 39, is expected to play at least five innings for the RailRiders and could even be ahead of Alex Rodriguez in their race to come back to the Yankees. Jeter has been making a steady recovery in Tampa, Fla., playing in simulated games and running the bases. Now he will begin the next step before finally returning to the Yankees in what has been the longest absence of his career.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi said there was no immediate timetable for the shortstop's return. Girardi was asked what he wanted to see from Jeter before being confident he was ready to return to the Yankees' lineup.

"I think he has to feel comfortable," Girardi said. "He really hasn't had a whole lot of at-bats. He has not played a whole lot of in-field. It's being able to go back-to-back days, back-to-back-to-back days, that sort of thing. He'd be here tomorrow if it was up to him."

Rodriguez, 37, who is returning from hip surgery, was scheduled to play in his third minor league rehab game Friday for Class A Tampa. He played only three innings and had two at-bats in his first game, with Class A Charleston, S.C. □

Sagan wins to take lead in sprinters' contest

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AP Sports Writer

ALBI, France (AP) — Slovakian rider Peter Sagan won the hilly seventh stage of the Tour de France in

who was dropped on the toughest climb of the day. "The idea was to get a few points today, and I admit I got a few more than I thought I would," Sagan

ing on back home.

"I'm not going to lie to you. I'm not used to being in this situation," Impey said. "A lot of the radio stations and Internet sites had put

handled it well."

The average speed picked up considerably in the fourth hour, jumping up to nearly 50 kilometers per hour (30 mph) in temperatures again well into the thirties Celsius (above 90 Fahrenheit) for the 205.5-kilometer (128-mile) trek from Montpellier to Albi.

In fact, there has hardly been a drop of rain so far — perhaps unsurprising given that the race started on the picturesque island of Corsica before jumping over to Nice on the French Riviera, and then down to Marseille and Montpellier.

Veteran American rider Christian Vande Velde pulled out after being caught up in an early crash — one of several that have marred a nervy start to the 100th edition of the showcase race. There have been several multi-rider crashes in what has been a nervy Tour.

On the first stage, there was a big crash close to the end after Tour organizers caused anxiety in the peloton by changing the designated finish line because a team bus was stuck on the line.

The fifth stage featured two separate crashes, the second right on the finish line, and the sixth claimed Cavendish among the fallen. Early into stage 7, German veteran Jens Voigt got into an early breakaway. But any dreams the 41-year-old Voigt had of becoming the oldest stage winner since Pino Cerami in 1963 melted in the sun.

Race favorites like Chris Froome and Alberto Contador are likely to attack Saturday up the famed Col de Pailheres, which winds upward for 15 tortuous kilometers at a gradient of eight percent. □



Daryl Impey of South Africa, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, and Peter Sagan of Slovakia, wearing the best sprinter's green jersey, right, ride in the pack during the seventh stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 205.5 kilometers (128.5 miles) with start in Montpellier and finish in Albi, southern France, Friday July 5, 2013.

(AP Photo/Christophe Ena)

a sprint finish on Friday to carve open a big lead in his bid to defend the green jersey as top sprinter, and Daryl Impey kept his focus to retain the yellow jersey for another day.

Sagan held off a challenge from John Degenkolb of Germany to clinch his first stage victory in this year's Tour and move 94 points clear in the contest for sprinters. Italian Daniele Bennati finished the stage in third.

"I have to say my team did all the work today, they did an incredible job," the 23-year-old Sagan said through a translator. "They showed that they are perfectly capable."

Sagan leads German sprinter Andre Greipel but more crucially is 105 points ahead of his archrival Mark Cavendish — the 2011 green jersey winner —

said.

Cavendish wilted on the category 2 ascent up up Col de la Croix de Mounis. "Half the peloton were dropped on that climb," Cavendish said. "It was not a good day for us. It was really difficult."

He rolled in more than 40 minutes behind Sagan, who is also an able climber and tipped by five-time Tour winner Bernard Hinault to become a future overall contender providing he sheds some of his sprinters' bulk and trims down.

Meanwhile, Impey began the day as the first South African rider to wear the yellow jersey, but he will likely relinquish it after Saturday's first of two difficult days of climbing in the high mountains of the Pyrenees. He acknowledged that it was difficult to focus on racing with everything go-

out a thing today to show support for me. It was called 'Impey's Yellow Friday' where a lot of people today actually wore something yellow for me.

"That was a great response from South Africa," he added. "Then there was a song they were playing on the radio. It's 'Impi' by Johnny Clegg."

He leads Norwegian sprinter Edvald Boasson Hagen by three seconds overall and his Orica Greenedge teammate Simon Gerrans by five.

None are considered a serious Tour challenger, but Impey was desperate to keep the jersey a little longer. "An opportunity like this doesn't come often. We knew today was probably our last chance," he said. "There was a moment on the second climb when the pressure was on but we

Disease without a cure spreads quietly in the West

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BAKERSFIELD, Calif. - In 36 years with the Los Angeles police, Sgt. Irwin "Joe" Klorman faced many dangerous situations, including one routine call that ended with Uzi fire and a bullet-riddled body sprawled on a living room floor.

But his most life-threatening encounter has been with coccidioidomycosis, or valley fever, for which he is being treated here. Coccidioidomycosis, known as "cocci," is an insidious airborne fungal disease in which microscopic spores in the soil take flight on the wind or even a mild breeze to lodge in the moist habitat of the lungs and, in the most extreme instances, spread to the bones, the skin, the eyes or, in Klorman's case, the brain.

The infection, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has labeled "a silent epidemic," is striking more people each year, with over 20,000 reported cases annually throughout the Southwest, especially in California and Arizona. Although most people exposed to the fungus do not fall ill, about 160 die from it each year, with thousands more facing years of disability and surgery. About 9 percent of those infected will con-

tract pneumonia, and 1 percent will experience serious complications beyond the lungs.

The disease is named for the San Joaquin Valley, a cocci hot spot, where the same soil that produces the

- out of two of the valley's eight state prisons, about 90 miles north of here. In 2011, those prisons, Avenal and Pleasant Valley, produced 535 of the 640 reported inmate cocci cases, and throughout the system,

In Arizona, a study from the Department of Health Services showed a 25 percent risk of African-Americans with newly diagnosed valley fever developing complications, compared with 6 percent of whites.

the director of the Valley Fever Center for Excellence, founded in 1996. "But which ones? We're clueless."

Kandis Watson, whose son Kaden, 8, almost died, had a gut feeling that "something was not right," she said, when Kaden began feeling sick two years ago. The pediatrician prescribed antibiotics, but Kaden's health deteriorated, with a golf ball-size mass developing at the base of his neck. The infection enveloped Kaden's chest, narrowing his trachea. Kaden was essentially breathing through an opening the size of a straw, said Dr. James M. McCarty, the medical director of pediatric infectious diseases at Children's Hospital Central California in Madera, where Kaden spent six months. Today the boy is back to his mischievous self, surreptitiously placing a green plastic lizard in his mother's hair.

But how he contracted valley fever is still guesswork. "I think he got it being a boy, digging in the dirt," Watson said.

Kern County, where Bakersfield is located, had over 1,800 reported cases last year. At the Kern Medical Center, Dr. Royce H. Johnson and his colleagues have a roster of nearly 2,000 patients. Many, like Joe Klorman, have life-threatening cocci meningitis.

"I got a bad break," said Klorman, who preferred a squad car to a desk job until the illness forced his retirement. Now he travels four hours round-trip three times a week so that Johnson can inject a powerful anti-fungal drug into his spinal fluid. In other patients, the disease has been known to eat away ribs and vertebrae.

Todd Schaefer, 48, who produces award-winning pinot noirs in Paso Robles, was told by his doctors that he had 10 years to live. That was 10 years ago. Valley fever has disseminated into his spinal column and brain, and his conversation is interrupted by grimaces of pain. □



Joe Klorman, who is suffering from a severe case of valley fever that affects his brain, with Dr. Royce Johnson before getting treatment, in Bakersfield, Calif. Coccidioidomycosis, or valley fever, is an airborne fungal disease in which microscopic spores in the soil alight on the wind or even a mild breeze to lodge in the moist habitat of the lungs, and in Klorman's case, spreads to the brain.

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state's agricultural bounty can turn traitorous. The "silent epidemic" became less silent last week when a federal judge ordered the state to transfer about 2,600 vulnerable inmates - including some with HIV

yearly costs for hospitalization for cocci exceed \$23 million.

The pending transfer has underscored the complexities and mysteries of a disease that continues to baffle physicians and scientists.

"The working hypothesis has to do with genetic susceptibility, probably the interrelationships of genes involved in the immune system," said Dr. John N. Galgiani, a professor at the University of Arizona and

Gene sleuths find how some naturally resist cholera

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People living in the Gan- ges Delta, where cholera is an ancient, endemic and often lethal disease, have adapted genetically to the scourge through variations in some 300 genes, say researchers who have scanned their genomes for the fingerprints of evolution. The researchers also found unexpected changes in genes that protect against arsenic, suggesting that arsenic exposure in Bangladesh is not just a modern problem associated with deep tube wells but may have ancient roots.

These instances of natural selection probably took

place within the past 5,000 to 30,000 years, the researchers say, and show how evolution has continued to mold human populations throughout the relatively recent past.

Pinpointing the genes responsible for natural resistance to cholera will help the development of better vaccines, said Dr. Regina C. LaRocque, an infectious disease expert at the Massachusetts General Hospital and an author of the study, published Wednesday in the journal Science Translational Medicine. Vaccines now in use do not stay effective for long and must constantly be readministered in regions where

the disease is endemic. The genes that showed fingerprints of natural selection were identified by two other authors of the study, Elinor K. Karlsson and Dr. Pardis C. Sabeti, computational biologists at Harvard University, in the genomes of Bengalis, the majority population in Bangladesh. The selected genes offer a road map to how the body defends itself against cholera. Toxin from the bacterium binds to cells in the victim's intestine, prizing open the channels through which chloride ions leave the cell and forcing the cells to excrete volumes of water and electrolytes - up to 2 liters an hour. The diar-

rhea benefits the organism, which can reach drinking water and spread further, but can be lethal for the host if unchecked.

John Mekalanos, a cholera expert at the Harvard Medical School, said the new finding was one of several that "are starting to give a strong impression that the human genome has been dramatically shaped by responses to microorganisms." The discovery that Bengalis enjoy special resistance to cholera may help explain why much stronger doses of vaccine are needed to immunize them than are required for North American populations, Mekalanos said. □

Smart Apps:

In case of emergency: my cellphone knows what to do

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I am lucky. I've never been in a disaster or in a situation where I worried about my survival. Perhaps that's because I have lived in safe places and not tried too many risky activities. When my wife was a girl, though, she had to call a mountain rescue team after getting lost in difficult weather.

Back then, she had to rely on her wits and a basic cellphone to call for help. Now, when emergencies or disasters strike, smartphone apps can offer detailed assistance.

The American Red Cross has an app that can alert you to common natural disasters so you can prepare in advance. The free Earthquake app for iOS or Android, for instance, has a main page with a big "alert" button that brings up information on global earthquake activity or notifies you about areas you have programmed in. This makes it handy for warnings about your own location or that of a relative living elsewhere.

If an alert is issued, your phone can inform you automatically. The app's "prepare" menu tells you what to do when you get an alert, during an earthquake and immediately after. If you are inside a building, for example, it will tell you to "drop, cover and hold on." The sections

are clearly written and easy to follow.

This app and its peers are specific to one disaster type - there's also one for tornadoes, one for hurricanes, another for wildfires and more. This means

This app contains information on a wide range of first aid situations, including injuries, shock and snake bites. It is set up in chapters, like a book, and each section is written in plain English and illustrated.

covers fewer emergencies but offers quick access to step-by-step instructions for more everyday situations, like an allergic reaction.

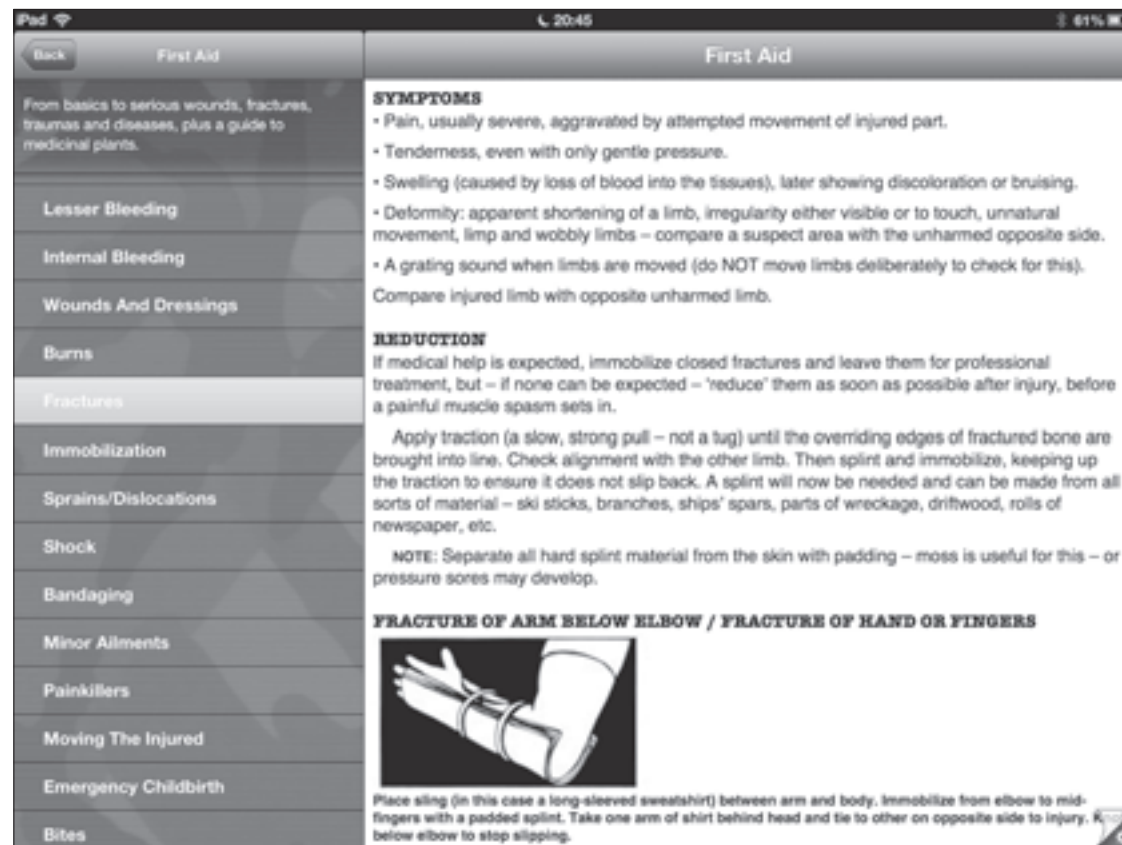
Knowing someone's medical information can be critical in an emergency, and

read format. The app can also generate an image of the data for use as your phone's lockscreen. Emergency responders can read this without unlocking your device.

This app includes an auto section where you can enter data about your car, and a large "I've been in an accident" button guides you through what to do in that situation. There's even a form for entering accident data like vehicle IDs and weather conditions.

The Android edition of the app is free, but does not contain the auto accident section.

For an emergency that forces you to seek shelter, food or water, Britain's elite special forces unit offers the SAS Survival Guide, a \$6 iOS and Android app. The app's main page is a grid of icons that take you to subsections filled with survival information, covering essentials like drinking water and finding "wild food." The app is expensive, however, and while it does have information on first aid, you may find a dedicated first aid app more sensible. These apps may contain more up-to-date information based on current guidelines. Your smartphone can also act as a signal beacon in case of an emergency, whether through its bright screen or a built-in photo flash. □



An undated handout screen of the SAS Survival Guide app. Smartphone apps like SAS, developed to advise in the event of natural or medical disasters, are the few apps you hope you never have to use. (Handout via The New York Times)

if you live in an area vulnerable to more than one kind of natural disaster, you may have to set up several apps.

Among apps that can help you deal with a medical emergency, one of the most comprehensive is the \$2 iOS app Army First Aid.

While the app covers a large number of first aid situations, it could take a while to dig through its pages to find what you need in an emergency. You may also dislike its brusque military style. A great alternative is the Pocket First Aid & CPR app, \$2 on iOS, which

many apps let you store this data. A useful one is called ICE Standard-Auto Edition, a \$1 iOS app. Enter personal details, like your name, emergency contact and important allergies or medical ailments, and the app automatically displays the information in an easily

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NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks ended with a surge Friday after traders decided that a healthy job market mattered more than the Federal Reserve scaling back its economic stimulus. After the government reported strong hiring for June, traders and inves-

ease back on its bond buying. After waffling early, investors and traders finally settled on an optimistic outlook. The Standard & Poor's 500 had its strongest performance in three weeks. "In general, I think our economy is standing on its own two feet right now," said David Brown, chief

added a stronger-than-expected 195,000 jobs last month. But the gains tapered off within the hour, and all the major indexes dipped briefly into the red. By the end of the day, the three main U.S. indexes had more than recovered, each ending about 1 percent higher. The Dow Jones indus-

'whoops,'" Brown said, during late-morning trading.

The whiplash day illustrated the complex and outsized role that the Fed has played in the stock market in recent weeks.

The Federal Reserve, led by Chairman Ben Bernanke, has been propping up the economy by buying bonds and keeping interest rates low. Investors know that the Fed isn't going to continue the stimulus forever, but they worry that developments like Friday's positive jobs report could make the Fed yank away the stimulus too soon.

The jobs picture "gives Bernanke more of a mandate" to rein in Fed stimulus programs, Brown said.

Investors will get other clues about the economy next week, when earnings season starts.

Aluminum giant Alcoa reports second-quarter results after the market closes Monday.

As investors bought stocks, they sold bonds Friday, another sign that they think the Fed will tamp down its bond buying. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note jumped dramatically to 2.73 percent from late Wednesday's level of 2.51 percent. That was the highest yield for the 10-year note since August 2011.

Relatively few shares changed hands Friday because many traders were still on vacation after the Fourth of July holiday Thurs-

day.

Light volume may have contributed to the market's early volatility. The market can be moved by changes in even a relatively small numbers of shares. Traders also noted that U.S. stock indexes were playing catch-up after missing out on Europe's big gains Thursday.

Stocks in Europe had jumped Thursday, including a 3 percent gain in Britain's main index, after the European Central Bank and the Bank of England sought to soothe markets by saying they'd keep interest rates low for the foreseeable future. Investors there have been scared that their own central banks may follow the Fed's lead and rein in their economic stimulus measures soon. The calming effect didn't last long. Markets were down throughout Europe on Friday, as investors there fretted over whether the Fed would pull back.

As for U.S. government bond trading, investors have been selling 10-year Treasuries for weeks in anticipation of a Fed pull-back. As recently as May 3, the yield on the 10-year note was 1.6 percent. The current yield, while still low by historical standards, has created a sea change in the way investors view bonds.

Jordan Waxman, managing director and partner at HighTower, a wealth management firm in New York, said investors who had fled to bonds because they seemed safe weren't exactly soothed by their recent performance.

"It's like going to your favorite restaurant month in and month out, and then one day you see a rodent running across the restaurant," Waxman said. "It's going to be a while before you go back."

For the past three decades, bond interest rates have tended to move down rather than up, so the recent gains are throwing many investors for a loop, noted Craig Fehr, an investment strategist at Edward Jones in St. Louis.



Trader Michael Milano works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday, July 5, 2013. Robust hiring in the U.S. is boosting the stock market to end the week.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

tors struggled over how to react. At first, they pushed stocks higher because the report was better than expected. Then they pushed stocks lower because improved hiring last month made it more likely the Federal Reserve could

market strategist at Sabrient, a Santa Barbara, California, research firm for institutional investors. U.S. stock indexes shot higher when the market opened, fueled by the Labor Department's report that the U.S. economy

trial average rose 147.29 points to 15,135.84. The S&P 500 rose 16.48 points to 1,631.89. The Nasdaq composite climbed 35.71 to 3,479.38.

"I think the initial reaction was, 'Yay, all these people are employed, and then,

Oil price climbs after strong US jobs report

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of oil marched higher Friday with a positive report on U.S. hiring and ongoing concerns about the crisis in Egypt.

U.S. benchmark crude for August delivery rose \$1.98, or 2 percent, to finish at \$103.22 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That's the highest closing price since May 2, 2012.

Brent crude, a benchmark for many international oil

varieties, rose \$2.18, or 2.1 percent, to end at \$107.72 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London. Following the ouster of Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi on Wednesday, his supporters began a series of protests and attacks Friday. The military opened fire as hundreds of protesters marched on a headquarters of the Republican Guard.

Egypt is not an oil producer, but its control of the Suez Canal, one of the world's

busiest shipping lanes, gives it a crucial role in maintaining global energy supplies. For now supplies are moving freely through the canal.

U.S. employers added a robust 195,000 jobs in June and many more in April and May than previously thought. The job growth suggests a stronger economy and makes it more likely the Federal Reserve will slow its bond purchases before year's end.

Those bond purchases

have supported the economy by helping keep long-term interest rates low. That in turn has given a boost to investments such as stocks and oil.

In other energy futures trading on the Nymex:

— Wholesale gasoline rose 6 cents to finish at \$2.90 per gallon.

— Natural gas fell 7 cents to end at \$3.62 per 1,000 cubic feet.

— Heating oil added 4 cents to finish at \$2.99 a gallon.

Dell slips on reports buyout offer won't be raised

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of Dell slid Friday on reports that founder Michael Dell and Silver Lake Partners don't plan to raise their \$24.4 billion buyout offer for the company. Bloomberg, the Wall Street Journal, and other media organizations reported that there won't be an increase in the bid, as Michael Dell and Silver Lake believe the

offer they made in February represents fair value for the company. The shares fell as investors became more concerned the offer won't go through. Activist investor Carl Icahn, the company's second biggest shareholder, wants Dell to remain publicly traded and says the company should buy back \$16 billion in stock to give sharehold-

ers a bigger return on their investment. Shareholders will vote on the buyout offer at the company's annual meeting on July 18. Dell Inc., based in Round Rock, Texas, declined comment. The company's shares slid 28 cents, or 2.1 percent, to close at \$13.03. Dell and other personal computer makers have

seen sales crumble because of the growing popularity of smartphones and tablets. In May Dell posted a 79 percent decline in its quarterly net income. Michael Dell believes he can turn the company around by taking it private and diversifying into niches, such as business software, data storage and consulting. The company has backed

Michael Dell's proposal. A special committee from Dell's board has said Icahn does not have adequate financing for his proposal. In a form filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Friday, the company said his valuation of the company is not realistic and that shares would tumble if the sale is rejected. □

Samsung lowers its profit and sales forecast

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Samsung Electronics may be having the same problem Apple has: Nearly everyone in the world who can afford an expensive smartphone has one. Samsung, the largest maker of consumer electronics, said Friday that it expected weaker profit and revenue, which analysts attributed to slowing sales of high-end smartphones. This is a trend that also bedevils Apple, its main rival.

Samsung, the No. 1 maker of mobile phones, aims its Galaxy models at the top end of the market. Apple sells its iPhone to these customers too. And while sales of smartphones continue to grow overall, the rate of increase for the more expensive devices has been easing in recent months. In recent days, BlackBerry and HTC, the Taiwanese phone maker, have also reported difficulties selling advanced smartphones. In the United States, more than 58 percent of adult consumers who own cell-phones own a smartphone, according to comScore, a

market research firm. Only three years ago, it was 20 percent. Rival smartphone makers like Sony and HTC have mounted a renewed challenge with their latest handsets. But for Samsung, the real problem may be that much of the growth in smartphone sales in coming years will be at the lower end of the market, where Chinese manufacturers are gaining share. Samsung simply does not have the most appealing models for those consumers. As smartphones become increasingly commoditized, prices will fall and profit margins will shrink.

"The concern is the future of the smartphone market, which is already saturated at the high end," said C.W. Chung, an analyst at Nomura Securities. "The smartphone industry may be becoming more like the PC industry," in which consumers make their buying decisions mostly on price, despite attempts by manufacturers to differentiate their products.

Samsung said it expected

to post an operating profit of 9.5 trillion won, or \$8.3 billion, for the second quarter of the year, a 47 percent increase from a year earlier.

While many companies would envy such a growth

day, some analysts downgraded their sales and profit forecasts for Samsung. Investors have taken heed, and Samsung Electronics shares are down about 17 percent since the beginning of the year. (Ap-

decade, as iPhone sales showed signs of slowing. The company sold 37.4 million iPhones in its fiscal second quarter, or about 2.88 million phones a week. Samsung's Galaxy S4 got off to a quicker start than



An employee of Samsung Electronics holds the Galaxy S4 LTE-A smartphones at a showroom of its headquarters in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, July 5, 2013. (AP Photo/Lee Jin-man)

rate, the forecast disappointed financial analysts, who had, on average, expected Samsung to post an operating profit of more than 10 trillion won in the April to June quarter. Even before the news Fri-

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S&P further downgrades Nokia after NSN purchase

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HELSINKI (AP) — Ratings agency Standard and Poor's on Friday downgraded Nokia Corp.'s credit rating, citing the deal this week to buy out Siemens from its Nokia Siemens Networks joint venture for 1.7 billion euros (\$2.21 billion). The agency lowered the Finland-based company's

long-term corporate credit rating to B+ from BB-, warning that its strong balance sheet will weaken as a result of the acquisition.

S&P also affirmed Nokia's B short-term corporate credit rating, with a stable outlook, and cut the issue rating on Nokia's senior unsecured debt to B+ from BB-. "The ratings reflect our revised assessment of Nokia's financial risk profile assess-

ment to 'aggressive' from 'significant,'" the agency said. "We continue to assess its business risk profile as 'weak.'"

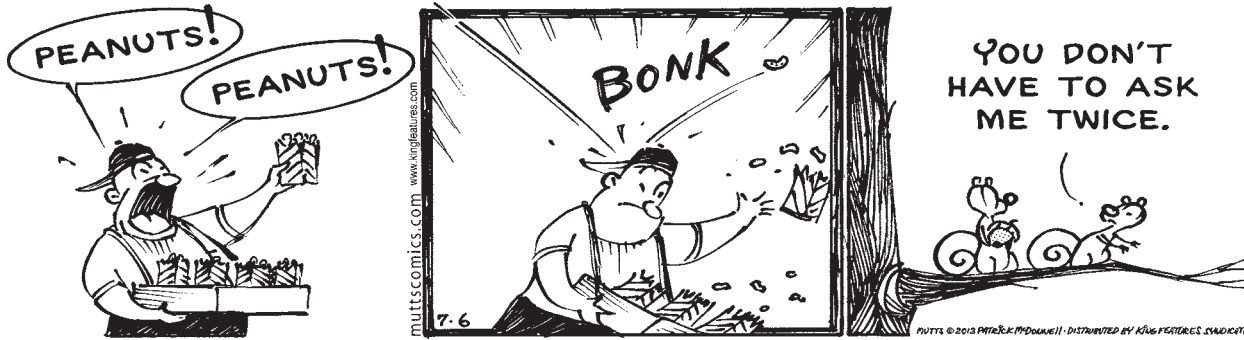
Nokia said it believes the deal to buy out Siemens, to be completed during the current quarter, added value to the company. "With a strong positive gross and net cash position, Nokia was able to take advantage of an op-

portunity to fully own Nokia Siemens Networks and, we believe, create meaningful value for Nokia shareholders," CFO Timo Ihamuotila said. "We will continue to prudently manage our cash resources post-transaction."

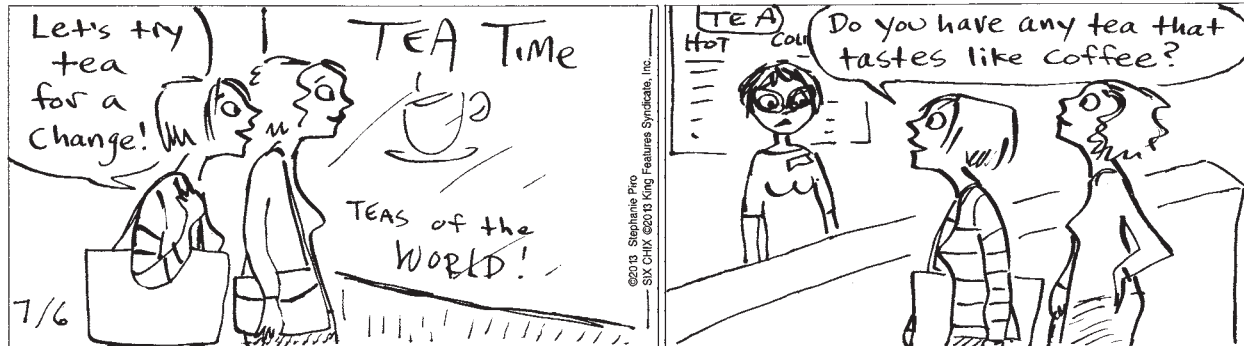
On Monday, Nokia announced its intention to purchase Siemens' half of the 2007 joint venture, in a move to help bolster

its struggling smartphone division. The networks operation had been loss-making for several years amid speculation and rumors that it was an acquisition target but recently had shown signs of improvement after restructuring and substantial job cuts. Nokia's share price closed down more than 1.5 percent at 3.11 euros on the Helsinki Stock Exchange. □

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- 1 Custard pie
- 5 African nation
- 10 ___ in; surrounds
- 14 Company symbol
- 15 Old stringed instruments
- 16 Length times width
- 17 Hairy beasts
- 18 Jordan's capital
- 19 Singer Crosby
- 20 Cowboy movie
- 22 Train of followers
- 24 Deli loaf
- 25 ___ badge; Boy Scout's award
- 26 Hit Broadway musical
- 29 Boy
- 30 Large parrot
- 34 Tack
- 35 Man's title
- 36 Small & dainty
- 37 Chow or collie
- 38 Reviewer of the financial books
- 40 Perish
- 41 Come forth
- 43 Wynken, Blynken and ___
- 44 ___ up; delayed
- 45 Ambulance's warning device
- 46 Collection
- 47 Soiled
- 48 High temperature
- 50 Unruly crowd
- 51 Deer meat
- 54 Suitable for drinking
- 58 Wicked
- 59 Leg bone
- 61 Dime or nickel
- 62 TV's "To ___ the Truth"
- 63 Vote into office
- 64 ___ over; deliver
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- 66 Looks for
- 67 Annoys

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- 2 Easy stride
- 3 Grows older
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- 7 Upper limb
- 8 Approached
- 9 Actor Edward
- 10 Natural environment
- 11 "___ Brockovich"
- 12 List of dishes
- 13 Cooking herb
- 21 Hurricane's hub
- 23 Stopwatch
- 25 Sailor
- 26 Mountains of South America
- 27 Wynonna's ma
- 28 African nation
- 29 Pot cover
- 31 Apple drink
- 32 Lopsided
- 33 Like a garden neglected
- 35 Take to court
- 36 Pea casing
- 38 Actress ___ Moorehead

- 39 Small child
- 42 Second drinks
- 44 Small barbecue
- 46 Eroded to featureless plain
- 47 Speck
- 49 Casts a ballot
- 50 Castle trenches
- 51 Refuse to allow ___ if, albeit
- 53 African river
- 54 Choose
- 55 Wild hog
- 56 Piece of a chain
- 57 Discontinues
- 60 Buzzing insect

Harry Connick Jr. goes deep with new album, tour

Melissa Ruggieri

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ATLANTA -- In the four years since Harry Connick Jr. last released a studio album, he's starred in a heartwarming family

because I'm the guy who shows the orchestra how to play the songs, so it takes a lot of time, and I've got a lot of lyrics to remember. I'm always tweaking. The shows are never the same.

A: Part of it is the road I've taken in my personal life, the ways I've dealt with events that have happened to me, from watching my dad get older to being married and having kids to my mom dying. These are all things that all of us deal with. But I've gotten more comfortable in my own skin. The album isn't 100 percent autobiographical, but I think it was time to stop making up stories to sing about.

Q: Tell me about "Love Wins," the song you wrote in memory of Ana Grace (Marquez-Greene), who was killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary shootings. (Ana Grace was the daughter of Jimmy Greene, who played in Connick's band for years.) That had to be heartbreaking to write.

A: It was awful. Ana Grace used to say "love wins." When I was at the funeral,

the minister said, regardless of what happens here, God loved her enough to want her to be with him. But to write the song, sing it, perform it, was extremely difficult, but very consoling when you think about what the words are saying. That's all we have, man.

Q: So let's talk about acting. I hear there is going to be a sequel to "Dolphin Tale."

A: I've heard that, too. I read the script and thought it was really well done. At first I was like, "How do you do a sequel?" But Charles Martin Smith (who directed the first film), he's a brilliant director and actor. So I read the script and said, this is pretty special. Now it's just a matter of the mountain of logistics. □



The ever-suave Harry Connick Jr. recently embarked on a tour to support his new release. (Handout Photo)

film ("Dolphin Tale"), returned to Broadway (in a revival of "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever"), played a prosecutor on a four-episode arc of one of TV's most popular dramas ("Law & Order: SVU") and displayed welcome candidness as a mentor on the recent season of "American Idol."

And you thought you had a busy life.

Last month, Connick released "Every Man Should Know," an album of all original music that is unequivocally his most personal -- at least since 1994's New Orleans-funk experiment, "She."

The ever-suave Connick, 45, recently embarked on a tour to support the new release. Connick talked last week about the new show (it will probably feature five or six new songs), the personal nature of the CD (he's worked on it for two years) and his happy marriage.

Q: How is the tour going?

A: It's going really well, but it's extremely challenging

Q: Because you're such a true musician, do you think you could deal with judging or coaching on "American Idol" and working with kids who don't even understand what they're singing sometimes and not make yourself crazy?

A: I don't know if I'll have that opportunity since no one has ever asked me. But growing up in New Orleans, we played all kinds of music, and all of those genres are different for reasons, and with some music, the lyrics don't matter. Rick James or K.C. & the Sunshine Band, they weren't really about lyrics, but the music is great.

Those particular tunes that they were asking me to mentor (on "Idol") were 100 percent about the song itself, but some things aren't. I happen to be well aware of that. If you listened to Cole Porter every day for the rest of your life, it would be really boring.

Q: "Every Man Should Know" is your most personal album. Why go deep now?

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Experts:

Expect bigger, fiercer fires in US West

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LOS ANGELES (AP)** —

There's a dangerous but basic equation behind the wildfire that killed 19 Arizona firefighters and other blazes raging across the American West this summer: More heat, more drought, more fuel and more people in the way are adding up to increasingly ferocious fires.

Scientists say a hotter planet will only increase the risk. More than two dozen wildland fires are burning from Alaska to New Mexico, fueled by triple-digit temper-

atures of Arizona at Tucson, referring to the Yarnell Hill fire. "Now unfortunately, it's not unusual at all."

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them more vulnerable to fires. "What's happening now 'is not new to us,'" said climate scientist Don Wuebbles of the University of Illinois, one of the main authors of the federal report. "We've been saying this for some time." Compared with decades past, the traditional fire season now lasts two months longer and first responders sometimes find themselves beating back flames in the winter.

Rising temperatures all over the West, for one, have created dangerous, dry conditions. Over the past 35 years, Arizona has seen dramatic warming, with the state's 10-year average tempera-

ture jumping from 59.1 degrees Fahrenheit (15 Celsius) in 1977 to 61.4 degrees (16.33 Celsius) last year. Experts say every little spike in temperature makes a big difference. "Even a degree or so warmer, day in day out, evaporates water faster and that desiccates the system more," said fire ecologist Steve Running of the University of Montana. In many places, decades of aggressively snuffing out wildfires also have led to a buildup of fuel ready to ignite. On top of that, more people are living in fire-prone areas near for-



An air tanker drops fire retardant near a wildfire burning in mountains outside of Kingman, Ariz. (AP Photo/Fred Fischer)

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A near-record algae bloom afflicts coastal Chinese city

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BEIJING - In what has become an annual summer scourge, the coastal Chinese city of Qingdao has been hit by a near-record algae bloom that has left its popular beaches fouled with a green, stringy muck. The State Oceanic Administration said an area larger than the state of Connecticut had been affected by the mat of "sea lettuce," as it is known in Chinese, which is generally harmless to humans but chokes off marine life and invariably chases away tourists as it begins to rot. Some beachgoers appeared to be amused by the outbreak, at least according to the Chinese media, which in recent days has featured startling images of swimmers lounging on bright green beds of algae, tossing it around with glee or piling it atop of one another as if it were sand. Local officials, however, are less enthused. Last month, they declared a "large-scale algae disaster," dispatching hundreds of boats and bulldozers to clean up the waters off Qingdao, a former German concession in Shandong province that is famous for its beer and beaches. As of Monday, workers and volunteers had cleared about 19,800 tons of the algae, according to the Qingdao government. While valued for its nutrition - or as an ingredient in fertilizers and biomass energy production - algae in large quantities can prove dangerous as it decomposes, producing toxic hydrogen sulfide gas. It also smells like rotten eggs. The green tide, spread over 7,500 square miles, is thought to be twice the size of an outbreak in 2008 that threatened sailing events during the Beijing Olympics, which took place around Qingdao. At the time, officials deployed boats, helicopters and 10,000 workers to keep the waters clear for the competition. The cleanup costs were later estimated at more

than \$30 million. Abalone, clam and sea cucumber farms suffered more than \$100 million in damage, according to a 2011 study by researchers from the Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences.

An outbreak in 2009 was even bigger, affecting a stretch of the Yellow Sea nearly as large as West Virginia.

Although biologists are at a loss to explain the most recent algae bloom, scientists suspect it is connected to pollution and increased seaweed farming in the province just south of Shandong. While similar green tides have been reported around the world, the annual bloom in the Yellow Sea is considered the largest, growing to an estimated million tons of biomass each year.

The green tides were first reported in Qingdao in 2007. A key factor is the high supply of nutrients from agricultural runoff and wastewater. But those pollutants have been in the Yellow Sea for decades, leading scientists to look for new triggers. A group of researchers believe that the algae that washes up around Qingdao originates farther south in seaweed farms along the coast of Jiangsu province. The farms grow porphyra, known as nori in Japanese cuisine, on large rafts in coastal waters. The rafts attract a kind of algae called *ulva prolifera*, and when the farmers clean them off each spring they spread the fast-growing algae out into the Yellow Sea, where it finds nutrients and warm temperatures ideal for blooming.

"It feeds off those nutrients and grows bigger and bigger, and eventually you can see it from satellites," said John Keesing, a scientist at the CSIRO Division of Marine and Atmospheric Research in Australia who is studying the green tide with Chinese researchers. "The currents gently move the algae in a northeastern direction out into the center of the Yellow Sea."

'Despicable Me' tramples 'Lone Ranger' at theaters

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — "The Lone Ranger" seems to be already riding off into the sunset on its debut weekend.

The Disney Western starring Armie Hammer as the titular character and Johnny Depp as Tonto was out-paced 3 to 1 by Universal's "Despicable Me 2," which also opened Wednesday. The animated sequel collected \$59.9 million in ticket sales so far, while "The Lone Ranger" earned a paltry \$19.5 million.

While Disney is likely to recover based on its other strong offerings this summer, including Pixar's "Monsters University" and Marvel's "Iron Man 3," the masked man's dismal box-office showing may spell trouble for Depp and all but ends any hope for a Lone Ranger franchise.

"This is one and done," said Stuart Oldham, editor of

the industry trade site Variety.com. "You're not going to see another Lone Ranger movie after this."

It's a "big disappointment" for Disney, said media and entertainment analyst Martin Pyykkonen of Wedge Partners. Although the film had been set up for a sequel, "it's obviously not even going to come close to covering the production costs," the analyst said.

Years in the making, "Lone Ranger" filming was shut down for weeks in 2011 because of soaring costs that ended up in the \$250-million range.

Poor reviews for the film may have contributed to the sluggish ticket sales. Chicago Sun-Times critic Richard Roeper called it "slick trash," while the AP's Jake Coyle said the two-and-a-half hour spectacle "finally, exhaustingly collapses in a scrap heap of train wreckage."

"The Lone Ranger" is, alas,

a runaway train," Coyle writes.

It's a serious misstep for blockbuster producer Jerry Bruckheimer, director Gore Verbinski and mega-

films. Depp's take on Tonto has been compared unfavorably to Captain Jack Sparrow in face paint.

"(The studio thought) if we have Johnny Depp and

be OK, but it's not OK," said Gene Del Vecchio, author of "Creating Blockbusters." Part of the problem, he said, is that children aren't nearly as familiar with the Lone Ranger as they are with the animated characters in "Despicable Me 2" and last week's first-place film, "Monsters University."

"Kids really need to be re-introduced to the Lone Ranger," he said. "Instead, they were introduced to Tonto in the marketing."

The failure of "The Lone Ranger" could impact studio decisions about what to green-light going forward, and not just at Disney. "From a film-industry standpoint, when you peel back the onion, you're not going to take a big risk on a big-production film that doesn't have a proven franchise," Pyykkonen said, especially in light of other recent bombs including "John Carter," "Battleship" and "After Earth." □



This photo provided by Universal Pictures shows the minion characters in the film "Despicable Me 2." Domestic box office numbers so far on this long Fourth of July holiday weekend are suggesting the the animated minions of family favorite, with a price tag one third of what "The Lone Ranger" cost to make, is outperforming the masked man by more than three to one.

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star Depp, who partnered profitably on the first three "Pirates of the Caribbean"

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Producer wins 'Spamalot' royalties legal victory

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LONDON (AP) — A producer on Friday won a British court victory over Monty Python for a bigger share of royalties from the stage musical "Spamalot" and said that despite the dispute he still found the comedy troupe funny. Mark Forstater brought a High Court lawsuit against the anarchic comedians over the show, which is based on the 1975 movie "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." Forstater produced the film, and his lawyers claimed it was agreed that he would be "treated as the seventh Python" financially, entitled to the same share of "Holy Grail" merchandising and spin-off income as the other members.

That amounts to one-seventh of the first 50 percent of income from "Spamalot," but lawyers for the Python troupe said he was entitled only to one four-

teenth.

A global hit, "Spamalot" ran on Broadway for almost four years to 2009 and is still playing in London's West End.

At a hearing late last year, member Michael Palin said that the idea of a seventh member "was never going to be accepted by the Pythons." And he disputed Forstater's claim to have helped written the film, saying: "There were six of us. We were a tight group. We wrote our own material." Judge Alastair Norris ruled in favor of Forstater in his suit against the five surviving Pythons: Palin, Eric Idle, Terry Jones, John Cleese and Terry Gilliam. The sixth member of the troupe, Graham Chapman, died in 1989.

Forstater, 69, said he was happy with the judgment, and estimated he was entitled to more than 200,000 pounds (\$300,000). The exact amount will be decided at future hearings.

"Justice has prevailed," he said. "There is a sadness, though, about having to face people who were my friends in court."

years."

And, he added, "I still think they are very funny."

Members of the Python troupe were not in court for



Pedestrians walk under the marquee of the Broadway show "Monty Python's Spamalot" at the Shubert Theatre in New York. As a global hit musical, "Spamalot" was a spin off from the 1975 movie "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" and enjoyed long runs on Broadway in NY as well as other cities around the world, and is still playing in London's West End, but a British court on Friday July 5, 2013, has awarded the producer of the Holy Grail movie, Mark Forstater, as bigger share of royalties from the Python troupe.

(AP Photo/Craig Ruttle)

"The friendship has gone. Terry Gilliam and I used to share a flat. We go back 51

Friday's judgment. There was no word on whether they would appeal. □

India Oscars to be held in U.S. in 2014

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TAMPA, Florida (AP) — Bollywood's version of the Oscars is coming to Florida, and it marks the first time that the multiday film event will be held in the United States. Tampa officials announced Friday that the International Indian Film Academy's Weekend & Awards is expected to bring thousands of visitors to the area next June. Local officials say previous IIFA events have generated up to 24,000 room nights with a local economic impact exceeding \$11 million. According to the IIFA, the awards have a worldwide viewership of approximately 600,000 people.

The term "Bollywood" is the nickname for the Mumbai-based Hindi film industry — but Indian cinema isn't just comprised of the song-and-dance extravaganzas mostly produced there. Indian cinema has become the largest producer of films in the world. India produced nearly 1,500 films last year, according to accounting firm KPMG.

While they have been slow to catch on in the U.S. outside major cities, Indian films have won audiences across the world. The group's selection of the U.S. as the site for its 2014 awards could signal a push to gain English-speaking audiences. Indian directors also are eager to bring different kinds of films — not just the popular musicals — to a worldwide audience. In an email, Corrada of Tampa Bay and Co. said the local Indian community was instrumental in winning the film awards bid.

"We have a very active, dedicated and supportive Indian community in Tampa Bay," he said. "They have championed this bid from the beginning and of course, with all of our assets, we make the perfect host city." The IIFA is based in Mumbai, India. It presents the awards to honor achievements in Indian cinema. □

Judge OKs defamation ruling vs. beauty queen



Miss Pennsylvania Sheena Monnin competes during the 2012 Miss USA Presentation Show in Las Vegas.

(AP Photo/MUO/Darren Decker)

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge in New York has upheld an arbitrator's ruling that a Pennsylvania beauty queen must pay the Miss USA pageant \$5 million for defaming Donald Trump's pageant organization. Sheena Monnin resigned as Miss Pennsylvania last year, saying the Miss USA contest was rigged. She claimed another contestant learned the names of the top five finishers hours before the show was broadcast. Monnin said she decided to turn in her crown as soon as those same contestants were named during the show. She posted a series of messages on Facebook and spoke publicly about her claims. Trump's Miss Universe Organization sued Monnin for defamation and an arbitrator ruled against her in December. The arbitrator said Monnin's allegations cost the pageant a \$5 million fee from a potential 2013 sponsor. Earlier this week, U.S. District

Court Judge J. Paul Oetken upheld the arbitrator's decision. Monnin had sought to have it overturned based on three grounds: the arbitrator overstepped his authority, his decision disregarded law, and she didn't know the arbitration hearing was taking place. The judge disagreed. Monnin said in a Facebook post Thursday evening that she is glad the truth is out there, regardless of the outcome. "This is not about me being a 'sore loser' or wanting my '15 minutes of fame'" she wrote. "This is about the MUO's admission under oath that they manipulate the judges' results to suit their own ends. This is not what they advertise to the public." Pageant organizers claimed Monnin resigned because she disagreed with a decision to allow transgender contestants. They made public text from an email they said Monnin sent citing the decision to allow natural-born males into the competition as the reason for her resignation. □

Why They Fought



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Tuesday is the 150th anniversary of the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg. In his eloquent new account, "Gettysburg: the Last Invasion," historian Allen Guelzo describes the psychology of the fighters on that day.

A battlefield is "the loneliest place which men share together," a soldier once observed. At Gettysburg, the men were sometimes isolated within the rolling clouds of gun smoke and unnerved by what Guelzo calls "the weird harmonic ring of bullets striking fixed bayonets." They were often terrified, of course, sometimes losing bladder and bowel control. (Aristophanes once called battle "the terrible one, the tough one, the one upon the legs.")

But, as Guelzo notes, the Civil War was fought with "an amateurism of spirit and an innocence of intent, which would be touching if that same amateurism had not also contrived to make it so bloody."

Discipline was loose. Civil War soldiers were not used to subordinating themselves within large organizations. One veteran observed that in battle "men standing in line got in paroxysms of laughter." But many were motivated by the sense that they were living up to some high moral ideal. Words like "gallant," "valor" and "chivalric" dot their descriptions of each other's behavior. Upon being taken prisoner, one Union soldier shook his captors' hands and congratulated them on the "most splendid charge of the war."

Another officer remembered battle as a "supreme minute to you; you are in ecstasies." A Union artillery officer confessed that throughout Gettysburg "somehow or other I felt a joyous exaltation, a perfect indifference to circumstances, through the whole of that three days' fight, and I have seldom enjoyed three days more in my life."

In our current era, as the saying goes, we take that which is lower to be more real. We generally believe that soldiers under the gritty harshness of war are not thinking about high ideals like gallantry. They are just trying to get through the day or protect their buddies. Since World War I, as Hemingway famously put it, abstract words like "honor" and "glory" and "courage" often

seem obscene and pretentious. Studies of letters sent home by soldiers in World War II suggest that grand ideas were remote from their daily concerns.

But Civil War soldiers were different. In his 1997 book "For Cause and Comrades," James M. McPherson looked at the private letters Civil War soldiers sent to their loved ones. As McPherson noted, they ring with "patriotism, ideology, concepts of duty, honor, manhood and community." The soldiers were intensely political. Newspapers were desperately sought after in camp. Between battles, several regiments held formal debates on subjects like the constitutional issues raised by the war. "Ideological motifs almost leap from many pages of these documents," McPherson reports. "It is government against anarchy, law against disorder," a Philadelphia printer wrote, explaining his desire to fight. The letters were also explicitly moralistic.

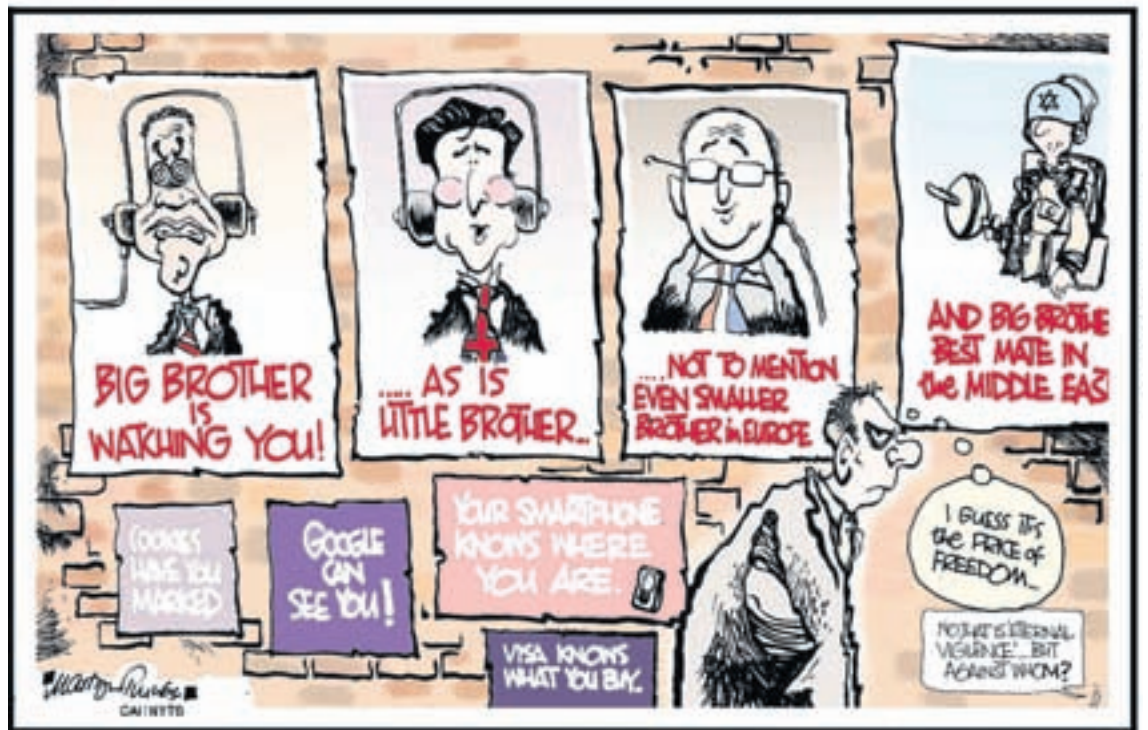
"The consciousness of duty was pervasive in Victorian America," McPherson writes. The letters were studded with the language of personal honor, and, above all, a desire to sacrifice, as one soldier put it, "personal feelings and inclinations to ... my duty in the hour of danger."

One of the most famous letters was written not at Gettysburg but on July 14, 1861, on the eve of the First Battle of Bull Run. It was written by Sullivan Ballou, an officer from Rhode Island. Ballou had lost his own parents when he was young and, having known "the bitter fruit of orphanage myself," he declared himself loath to die in battle and leave his small children fatherless.

"My love for you is deathless," he wrote to his wife. "It seems to bind me to you with mighty cables that nothing but Omnipotence could break; yet my love of country comes over me like a strong wind and bears me irresistibly on with all these chains to the battlefield."

It's not just love of country that impels him, but a feeling of indebtedness to the past: "I know how strongly American Civilization now leans upon the triumph of the Government, and how great a debt we owe to those who went before us through the blood and suffering of the Revolution. And I am willing - perfectly willing - to lay down all my joys in this life, to help maintain this Government, and to pay that debt." These letter writers, and many of the men at Gettysburg, were not just different from most of us today because their language was more high flown and earnest. There was probably also a greater covenantal consciousness, a belief that they were born in a state of indebtedness to an ongoing project, and they would inevitably be called upon to pay these debts, to come square with the country, even at the cost of their lives.

Makes today's special interest politics look kind of pathetic. □



The Amazing Energy Race



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President Barack Obama delivered his most important national security and jobs speech last week. I think he also mentioned something about climate change.

The headline from Obama's speech was his decision to cut America's carbon emissions by bypassing a dysfunctional Congress and directing the Environmental Protection Agency to implement cleaner air-quality standards. If the rules are enacted - they will face many legal challenges - it would hasten our switching from coal to natural gas for electricity generation. Natural gas emits about half the global-warming carbon dioxide of coal, and it is in growing supply in our own country.

As a result of market forces alone, coal has already fallen from about one-half to one-third of America's electric power supply.

But I would not get caught up in the anti-carbon pollution details of the president's speech. I'd focus on the larger messages. The first is that we need to reorder our priorities and start talking about the things that are most consequential for our families, communities, nation and world. That starts with how we're going to power the global economy at a time when the planet is on track to grow from 7 billion to 9 billion people in 40 years, and most of them will want to live like Americans, with American-style cars, homes and consumption patterns. If we don't find a cleaner way for them to grow, we're

going to smoke up, choke up and burn up this planet so much faster than anyone predicts. That traffic jam on the Beijing-Tibet highway in 2010 that stretched for 60 miles, involved 10,000 vehicles and took 10 days to unlock is a harbinger of what will come. "In reducing coal's historic dominance, the president is formalizing a market trend that was already taking shape," remarked Andy Karsner, who was an assistant secretary of energy in the last Bush administration. His bigger message, though, was "no matter where you find yourself on the political spectrum, it's useful for the nation to discuss, debate and consider a strategy for climate change. The consequences of inaction are potentially greater than all the other noise out there." Sadly, many Republican "leaders" rejected Obama's initiative, claiming it would cost jobs. Really? Marvin Odum, the president of the Shell Oil Co., told me in an interview that phasing out coal for cleaner natural gas - and shifting more transport, such as big trucks and ships, to natural gas instead of diesel - "is a no-brainer, no-lose, net-win that you can't fight with a straight face." But, remember, natural gas is a fine gift to our country if, and only if, we extract it in a way that does not leak methane into the atmosphere (methane being worse than carbon dioxide when it comes to global warming) and if, and only if, we extract it in ways that don't despoil land, air or water.

The Environmental Defense Fund is working with big oil companies, like Shell, to ensure both. But there is one more huge caveat: We also have to ensure that cheap natural gas displaces coal but doesn't also displace energy efficiency and renewables, like solar or wind, so that natural gas becomes a bridge to a clean energy future, not a ditch. It would be ideal to do this through legislation and not EPA fiat, but Republicans have blocked that route, which is pathetic because

the best way to do it is with a Republican idea from the last Bush administration: a national clean energy standard for electricity generation - an idea the GOP only began to oppose when Obama said he favored it. Such a standard would say to every utility: "Your power plants can use any fuel and technology you want to generate electricity as long as the total amount of air pollutants and greenhouse gases they emit (in both fuel handling and its electricity conversion) meet steadily increasing standards for cleaner air and fewer greenhouse gases. If you want to meet that standard with natural gas, sequestered coal, biomass, hydro, solar, wind or nuclear, be our guest. Let the most cost-effective clean technology win." By raising the standard a small amount every year, we'd ensure continuous innovation in clean power technologies - and jobs that are a lot better than coal mining. You can't make an appliance, power plant, factory or vehicle cleaner without making it smarter - with smarter materials, smarter software or smarter designs. Nothing would do more to ensure America's national security, stimulate more good jobs and global exports - the whole world needs these technologies - than a national clean energy standard. And, of course, the climate would hugely benefit.

Improving our energy system plays to our innovation strength. Clinging to our fossil-fuel past plays to the strengths of Russia and Iran. Why would we do that? Why would the GOP? It's already losing young voters. Question: How many college campuses today have environmental clubs and how many have coal clubs? "The Germans and the Chinese are already in this clean energy race, and we're still just talking about it," said Hal Harvey, the chief executive of Energy Innovation. "The question is: Do we want to control our energy future, or continue to rent it from other countries?" □



SUMMER INSPIRATION FROM VIETNAM

Freshly made lobster summer rolls, in New York They take patience, but Vietnamese-style summer rolls with lobster meat and avocado reward it well.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

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When it comes to fresh Vietnamese-style rolls like this one, which usually contain a few cooked prawns, along with herbs and rice vermicelli, a few questions tend to arise.

Q: Is it spring roll or summer roll?

A: Call it either one. But since it's summer, and since these salad rolls are ideal summer fare, I'm going to stick with summer roll.

Q: But aren't spring rolls fried?

A: Not necessarily. The fried ones go by many names: imperial rolls, egg rolls, nems. But they are also, confusingly, sometimes called spring rolls.

Q: Aren't they hard to make?

A: They are not at all hard to make, with a bit of practice. Still, unless you grew up assembling them, there is a learning curve, and dexterity is required.

Now then, about these particular not-quite-authentic-but-awfully-delicious sum-

mer rolls, which I filled with just-cooked lobster meat, cucumber, avocado and fresh herbs. They make a fine lunch, wrapped in a lettuce leaf and dipped in a gingery, limey, hot peppery sauce. Cut small, they can be served with drinks, or they could be an elegant first course at a sit-down dinner.

To prepare a summer roll, first moisten dry rice-paper wrappers (most Asian markets sell them) in warm water. It will take only 30 seconds or so to soften each sheet of rice paper, at which point you must grasp the wrapper in both hands and lay it flat on a cutting board. Though they come in all sizes, a 12-inch wrapper is easiest to use; otherwise use two 8-inch wrappers per roll, overlapping them somewhat on the board.

The filling needs to be placed at the bottom third of the rice paper circle. I like to start with fresh herbs, especially basil leaves and cilantro, then I add the re-

maining elements. Next, the sides of the circle are folded in and the rolling begins, from the bottom. It's important to wrap the filling as tightly as possible for a firm roll, which makes it easier to cut into pieces and easier to eat. You'll feel a tinge of pride when you master the technique. But if, despite your best efforts, your lobster rolls become unruly and fall apart, don't despair. Just plop the perfectly good remains on a plate, drizzle with the dipping sauce and call it a rice noodle salad.

LOBSTER SUMMER ROLLS

Time: 30 minutes, plus 1 hour chilling

For the summer rolls:

1 pound cooked lobster meat, diced
2 teaspoons grated ginger
Zest of 1 lime
1/2 cup slivered scallions
Salt and pepper
1 small cucumber, peeled
2 firm-ripe avocados
Rice paper wrappers, 12-inch rounds (or use 8-inch rounds)

24 large basil leaves

Cilantro sprigs from a small bunch

Lettuce leaves, optional

For the dipping sauce:

1/2 cup lime juice

2 tablespoons light brown or raw sugar

1 tablespoon grated ginger

1 teaspoon fish sauce

1 small Serrano or Thai chili, sliced

1 tablespoon roughly chopped roasted peanuts

1. Make the summer roll filling: In a small bowl, combine lobster meat, ginger, lime zest and scallions. Season with salt and pepper, toss to coat and set aside. Slice cucumber lengthwise into thin julienne strips. Quarter and peel avocados.

2. Fill a medium bowl with lukewarm water. To make each roll, dip a rice paper round into water until just softened, then remove and spread flat on a cutting board. (If you are using 8-inch rounds, dip 2 rounds for each roll, then overlap them as you spread them flat on a cutting board.)

3. Lay two or three basil leaves along the bottom third of the softened rice paper round, then spread 2 ounces lobster mixture on the round.

Top with a few strips of cucumber and 1/4 of an avocado cut in chunks. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and press down to compress, then add a few cilantro sprigs.

4. To roll up, fold sides of rice paper round toward its center, overlapping filling by an inch or so. Now, starting at bottom of round, begin to form a tight cylinder, rolling toward top. Repeat to make rest of the rolls. Put on a tray, cover and refrigerate for an hour.

5. Make the dipping sauce: Mix together lime juice, sugar, ginger, fish sauce and chili. Let macerate at least 30 minutes.

6. To serve, carefully cut each roll into 3 or 4 pieces, and stir chopped peanuts into dipping sauce. Arrange rolls on lettuce leaves, and serve with sauce.

Yield: 8 large rolls